Manila Apl 24th 99

Dear Chas: Yours of 16th March came yesterday with home letters enclosed. I should like to hear how that case in Osage Co came out - I wish I could tell you about these scraps but I fear I cant. After 20th Kansas took Caloocan we lay there in trenches 6 weeks from Feby 11th to March 24th. Friday eve after dark Kans was relieved in trenches by Oregon and marched back two or three miles South & East to La Loma Church - here spent the night ready to begin the scrap at daylight on Saturday - At daylight two brigades were formed Hale's to right & Otis to left of a road leading from La Loma North East. Hale had 1st Penna, 3d Dak & Nebraska. Otis Montana, Kansas & 4th Artillery acting as infantry. Front open field for a mile. grass & scattering trees, fine level country. We started and as soon as we moved forward the shots began to come from insurgent trenches along entire front

a mauser ball makes a mean noise but when you can hear thousands of them its funny!. They cut the grass and spat the ground every where all round you but one gets to think nothing of them altho he realizes all the time he may get hit and sort of wonders that he has not been hit already. All my four Companies are in line, all Whiteman's four on my right. he began firing about as soon as he started but I held mine some time. We traveled half a mile nearly before a man was hit. by this time it was hot and I began to reply to the fire. 1" & 3" Companies would advance & fire, then 2" & 4" all volleys. by this time we were near enough to do them damage and could tickle them up hard. One man flunked. I asked him if he was hit, "No, played out". I rapped him over the legs with my stick and told him to get into his Co quicker. We were swinging a little to the left all the time and finally struck the Zuliahan river here we had a sure enough scrap.

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just across the stream, a small one, but some five feet deep. were fine works filled with natives who shot balls to beat the band. but we stood up to the racket & fired back and finally crossed the river mostly wading & holding guns & ammunition over our heads. just across the river in front of three of my Co's were 29 dead insurgents. they are a gruesome sight I tell you. they generally carry off all wounded as they retreat. Our passage of the river was made before ten am. We left La Loma about 6 30 AM. and scrapped every foot of the way. about four or five miles. first mile open then timber scattering then thick then brake of the river & horrible Country every way. Our loss was slight some 4 or 5 killed and quite a number wounded. Capt Clarke was hit. at the Tuliahan river before its passage. Sunday we moved up & then Mch to Ry fought battles of Malinta & Polo. Monday fought the battle at Marilao

river a tough scrap sure. here Wahl 'H' Co was killed only 'H' Co man killed so far - ~~Wilder~~ Majested - Wednesday took up the march to Malolos took Bocane, Bigaa & Guiguinto. I was hit near Bigaa - Thursday made 4 or 5 miles toward Malolos. & Friday went in with little opposition. Regt been there ever since today they advance to Calumpit N of Malolos. I was put into hospital Thursday 30th March I think it was. The trenches these people dig are absolutely untakable if they would stay with them & shoot but they cant stand the pressure when they see us keep coming.

They break out one at a time & then by the dozen and then we yell and shoot and such is war.

Well, I will tell you about it some other time.

Yours
Wilder

Manila April 27th 99

Dear Chas: Yours of Mch 24th came yesterday by transport. I guess most every one had time to write but me, just after the fighting. But some one has to attend to business and I guess it was me for I wrote just as soon as I got a spare moment. Some one has to do the thinking & planning to set a few to work and make the rest safe to sleep or write or whatever they want to do.

The weather is surely hot right here now. But still any day, no matter how hot, if you can get in the shade and in a breeze you can be very comfortable. There is most always a breeze either off the bay or off the land. I see by the papers there is quite an excitement about zinc in Pleasanton. Say, if one wanted to stay here he could make a bushel of money in most any business. The beer sellers make fortunes here. All the big American breweries have agencies here and they all wear diamonds. Beats the dutch how these soldiers drink beer. Our own men leave liquor alone pretty well and we have the smallest sick report on the island, if it had not been for the small pox in Little's White's battalions, our report would have

been a remarkable one, surely. Our dead & wounded in battle are up all right, too. Only one regiment has a larger list & Nebraska & Old Prentice makes me tired. & He's no man for the place and still his wife gets out & hustles and she is a fine woman with a world of children & old Charley can't do any thing else and the men & women all take pity on him and elect him & My foot is getting along nicely now. I have thrown away the bandages and have on a stocking and slipper but I can't put any weight on it yet. I am missing a fight with the regiment for the first time and that breaks me up badly-

Our troops have started North from Malolos and are at or near Calumpit.

Well the mail is going & You can't write after you get this & probably - We may start back in June.

Yours bro
Wilder

HEADQUARTERS CO. I
20TH KANSAS INFANTRY VOLUNTEERS

Near Manila March 18 1899

Irving W Metcalf
Lawrence Kansas

Dear Irving: Your letter of Feby 3rd came today by "Coptic" to Hong Kong. It found me in Manila for my weekly bath & change of clothes. Now I am back on the lines where I can hear and dodge the balls most all the time. In regard to Major Johnston's commission note, my memory is that the note was not paid when due and for long time thereafter and probably never. But, there is still a better proof. If paid our books must show it and the entry can be found. In regard to the Birkes deed, our account with Rutland Bank would show the charge to them for cost of deed and our day book the whole transaction with Johnston. Those books will prove non payment or payment much better than any one

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memory. I am glad to hear that the business is getting on nicely. Hope the R & M equities will come into market soon. I judge prospect to be good for favorable year again 1899. Saw by papers of Ed R's marriage. Hope he will do well for I think the Miss Phillips a nice lady. The Phillipino war moves on slowly. I really pity the poor natives and hope they will soon quit, but they may hang on and make the result a year or years distant. I am well and hearty. Many close calls, one as near as through my left ear. Yours &c

Wilder

Return to
Jno. M.

Alex La Nov 4th 1917

Dear Irving: Copy of letter from Gates received and I certainly am sorry to hear of his illness and that of his wife. Glad to get the Oberlin papers with word of Wilmot and Edith. I may get time to write them some day- Our work here increasing now. Troops coming in every day and we may get our Division organized some day- Nat. Gd troops coming in now and after we get them re-organized on "Pershing" plan then will come the draft to fill up- My Brigade will be about eight thousand strong one of these days. quite a command- I did think Germany would collapse some time in 1918 but I am doubtful about it now. She may be nearly whipped financially and physically but she is far from any re-generation yet, I fear- It may be true as some think that terms of peace can only be dictated by the Allies in Berlin. The work is interesting and these Louisiana and Missippi [sic] and Arkansas boys look just

like Kansas boys so far as I can see. A fine bunch of men they are generally speaking. Officers very promising most of them. I don't think we shall much more than get started on our program of instruction by Dec 1st. Some of the troops to come here are in Texas & Louisiana on strike duty in oil & gas fields now.

Love to all of you

Wilder.

Alice & I at Presbyterian church this am

Wilder S. Metcalf,
Farm Scenes
in Eastern Kansas
Life and Prompt.
Alex. Lea
Kansas

Hdqrs
77th Brigade
Nov 5th 1917

Dear Irving: Wilmot and Edith have the start of us all. I did think may be the German folk were pretty near whipped and I really believe that financially and in food supply and in physical condition, they are in bad shape, but don't realize it yet. But they have certainly displayed considerable punch in Italy. This will put new heart in Austria, too. Which I think was about ready to cry "quits." I hope I can get a chance to write Wilmot & Ede. I have over 3000 men in my brigade today. Troops coming in now. I sure enjoy having Alice here and it is good for both of us. Sorry about gas & oil. I do hope on some of your lands they will strike a good well. Wonder if you saw Harry in Sherman I hear from him occasionally. Our work now is mostly helping in the re-organization of these Nat'l Gd regiments of less than 2000 men into regiments of almost 4000. We are also conducting preliminary schools

for officers, preparitory to the prescribed course of intensive instruction which we can take up very well until our troops are all here. These three states La. Miss & Ark are poorly organized and equipped on arrival but material looks good.

Love from each of us to you all

Yours

Wilder

Wilder S. Metcalf
Farm Loans
in Eastern Kansas
Safe and Prompt.

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Alexandria La
~~Lawrence, Kansas.~~ Nov 15th 1917

Dear Irving:

Your card came Today - Very glad indeed to hear of Edith's safe arrival on other side - She is a dear girl and will be a great help any where -

Alice will write her soon

We are busy here altho delayed and bothered some by mumps and measles -

They say that a wireless was received in Manila some years ago from an approaching transport -

Announcing probable arrival and concluding "xxx mumps, measles and General Greeley onboard" - This great army will slowly reach state of readiness - I hope the Germans will succumb long before we all get there but it looks more doubtful than some weeks ago.

Health good -

Very truly
Wilder S Metcalf

I see Alumni Magazine leaves out of their lists

Harold
Harry and
"Us"

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WILDER S. METCALF.
A. A. WITBECK.

LAWRENCE, KANSAS, Dec 3° 1887

Dear Father: Your letter of 1st instant here this noon and glad I was to hear from you again. It did seem a long time that I was gone although it passed very rapidly. I left here Nov. 16th Wednesday noon, My Quaker friend Pickett and I. We met his partner Col. E.B. Townsend and his friend Col S.A. Whitfield of Cinti O in Arkansas City Kas. Col Townsend lives in Washington D.C., is a real estate man now, but has been Indian Inspector for many years. Col Whitfield a New Hampshire boy entered the army at 16 was Lieut. Col of his N.H. Regt. and was for 15 yrs Internal Rev. inspector with headquarters at Louisville Ky. and engaged with moonshiners in the mountains of Ky. Tenn. & Ga. His talks were interesting in the extreme. He has been in Cinti O. some years. Ass. Postmaster and just left the Postmastership since Clevelands administration, is now supervising member of board of public works. Says he has been in public service since 16 years old. He is tall, active and keen, nice man and an enthusiastic sportsman. His outfit of guns

and clothes was a wonder. Well we kept on same train and alighted at Guthrie a watering place on Santa Fe Ry in Oklahoma. Only buildings are telegraph office 10x12 Pump House & residence of the section boss- U.S. allows no buildings on Oklahoma except necessary Ry structures. We got out our blankets and bunked on the pump house floor with the Ranch foreman Geo Elliott who had driven in that day to meet us- Breakfasted with the section boss by daylight and hooked up the four horse team & wagon, loaded our blankets, provisions guns &c. and started East for the Iowa Reservation beautiful country, continual succession of draws & divides scattered black jack oak timber and wild prairie. Townsend & Pickett lease the Iowa Reserve for cattle range. Their headquarters camp nice log house barn & corrals are 30 miles about due East of Guthrie. We crossed the historic Boomer road leading South from Kas through Oklahoma and camped at noon by a spring and cooked our dinner. I had shot a bunch of quail on the way & we had roast quail & clear coffee, dry bread &c. We reached the ranch headquarters by 5.30 P.M. over a rough road. We saw three deer and quantities of prairie chicken on the way. We bagged half a dozen chicken just as we got them up along the trail. But the deer were up and away- One great magnificent buck with fine horns and elegant "flag" jumped up from a bushy draw almost under the wagon wheels and it was a grand sight to see him sail off with his white flag going from side to side. This was not

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over a mile from camp. Well we unpacked and eat a great supper of chicken & venison, for the cowboys at the ranch always carry a winchester & six shooter and they shoot from their horses & have plenty there were three fine carcasses hanging at the door when we drove up. and one nice buck "Gary" which they have brought up from a kid tame as a dog, follows the boys every where. At branding time last spring they castrated him and put on the ranch brand 10A a great pet surely. Well we made our beds on the floor of the "spare room" and slept the sleep of the tired. Friday Morning, after breakfast the horses were saddled for the party and we mounted for a day in the saddle - The ranch force consisted of Geo Elliott foreman a fine fellow. Chas Skinner & Ben Conway typical cowboys. Cicero Beason cook, Billy Bender full blood Shawnee Indian We brought a colored boy cook from Arkansas City. Well we divided the party and part rode N.E and part N.W. to the Cimaron River then together on the Cimaron and a mile or so up Dugout Creek to Dinner Camp at a spring. where our cook & Billy Bender the Shawnee had gone to meet us with

two horse wagon. Dined on venison, chicken &c &c. & coffee. We bade good bye to milk & butter ish Lawrence. Then we separated as before and rode each others trail to camp - by 3 P.M. about. On our ride which the owners took to inspect the condition of cattle, we saw 6 or 8 hundred cattle 2 flocks of wild turkeys, one of which we bagged & any quantity of quail & chicken. I got 2 chicken and others got a few also. So we returned loaded - All this was done without hardly a dismount. After return Col Whitfield & I shot quail about headquarters till dark We had a good bird dog which was borrowed of a friend of Townsends in Arkansas City. "Gay" the pet deer followed right at our heels during our hunts near camp. caring nothing for the gun shots so near him. he was almost a nuisance. When the other party came in they had two cows whose calves were skipped in the branding which they had run across and driven in. So we all dropped our guns and hied us to the branding pens to see the operation 10A. burned into both sides. There was a camp of Indians one family, Otoes, also where we called. They are great beggars - and it was a curious sight to see the old man tell his story by signs and a few words - I know a number of the signs through lessons taken here of Col Miles its a great language - Well we slept again, and got an early start Saturday morning past on the 4 horse wagon and Whitfield Pickett & I on horseback. Rode South East to Deep fork of Canadian river 70 miles about. Dining on Bell Cow Creek half way - We carried our guns & shot quail & chicken a duck &c. Saw three deer and were right onto them

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when they jumped out of a clump of bushes in the bed of Bell Cow creek. We had only shot guns and were on our horses. had to sit and see them sail off. We reached Deep fork about 5 P.M. where they have what they call a side camp. A log house 8 x 10 with log chimney &c. barn, hay stacks &c two men spend the winters here to ride the lines about the cattle who drift South to winter in the bottoms of the Deep fork Sunday morning we spent about camp and buried ourselves in burning a fire guard as they call it about the camp. The Indians on their hunting trips in fall burn the prairies everywhere & they have to work hard burning guard to protect the buildings and the ranges. At noon we hitched up and drove 6 miles South & West across Deep fork to Nellston Indian Store, on Kickapoo reservation. A large log store two or three log houses a log barn and a big corrall. Townsend & Pickett went horseback across onto the bottoms South of Deep fork to look at their cattle. We spent the eve. eating pecan nuts and looking at the collection of Indian curios in the store. Bunked on the floor at night. Cooked our breakfast outside in the morning, killed turkey &c. and started out again. Here &c

sent Billy Bender back to headquarters with 2 horses and the mail. this is a P.O. but 100 miles from any Ry. goes East to Sac & Fox agency then further East to M.K. Pac. Ry. in Cherokee nation. Well we made Coon Camp on Coon Creek. by 2.30 P.M. across deep fork again and West nearly to the South West corner of the Iowa reserve. A Shawnee by name Coon built this camp. Three log houses a log barn corrals &c. here we camped gave our cook our shanty the horses the corrall & we took the large shanty. made bed of hay spread our blankets & got ready for a stay - got our dinner first thing they put up hay here also and keep a man or so here in winter to look after cattle in this part of range. after dinner out we went - found wild turkeys in abundance. got four of which I got one. Tuesday hunted all day - I got another turkey 25# gobbler. Quail were very plenty and we had wild turkey & quail pie every day. We spent Tuesday Wed. Thursday here. Wednesday was cloudy and its a terrible place to get lost when you lose the directions. Strange to relate. Geo Elliott the ranch foreman eager after a deer travelled his back and when he started to come back he was lost. He was so badly lost that he did not know straight up as Col Townsend expressed it. after supper and no George we made two parties and went out a mile or about to high divides and built fires and fired our guns but no Geo. He came in about 10 P.M. badly worried. Col

Townsend also riding through the Black Jacks ran a branch into his face near his eye. All around quite a bad feeling crowd. We speculated a good deal about Elliott. He best man in the party by odds. active & thoroughly acquainted with the country & the life. We thought might have shot himself, might have fallen down a rocky draw. might have tackled a mountain lion which are numerous & bold. At daybreak we eat and sent a party on horse back to hunt his tracks as he had said he was going where he & I had been in the morning when he started out after dinner and bound to shoot a deer.

The rest of us moped about camp, shot a few quail & tried to feel easy. About noon in came Geo on an Indian Pony. he had slept out way north East of us. by a fortunate discovery of burning log on prairie, else he would have walked on and gone no one knows where. he had no matches and could not get fire. Bitter cold night too. Well at daylight the sun just barely showed where it was. Square in the "West" as Geo thought but he took that for a guide and followed the first creek he came to down stream to make Deep fork. and turned out to

to Bear creek and he came about 9 AM to the Iowa village 12 miles from Coon Camp. the Indians laughed at him and poked all manner of fun at him, gave him a bite to eat, loaned him a pony and he came in on the run. The searchers (7) came in about 2 PM and glad to see Geo. you can believe. We had Thanksgiving dinner, wild turkey, quail pie. Canned fruit &c, good meal — after dinner Col Townsend Geo Elliott & I took horses and rode way north & East on an exploration trip, looking a new route to the Guthrie road. but returned after dark almost lost ourselves, horses took us in. Friday A.M. hitched up and drove to the Iowa village. dined there. and visited with them. left Townsend & Pickett to a pow wow and went to headquarters. in the rain. Saturday hunted quail some in A.M. but in P.M. took to the house by a Texas Norther Sunday rode to Guthrie took train at midnight for Arkansas City and home reaching Lawrence 6 P.M. monday eve — I can't half tell of the Indians and their homes as have no room. they live in Bark houses in summer & in tents in the creek bottoms in the winter. just moving into the tents. I can tell lots of them but no room. suffice it to say we had a pleasant party of real

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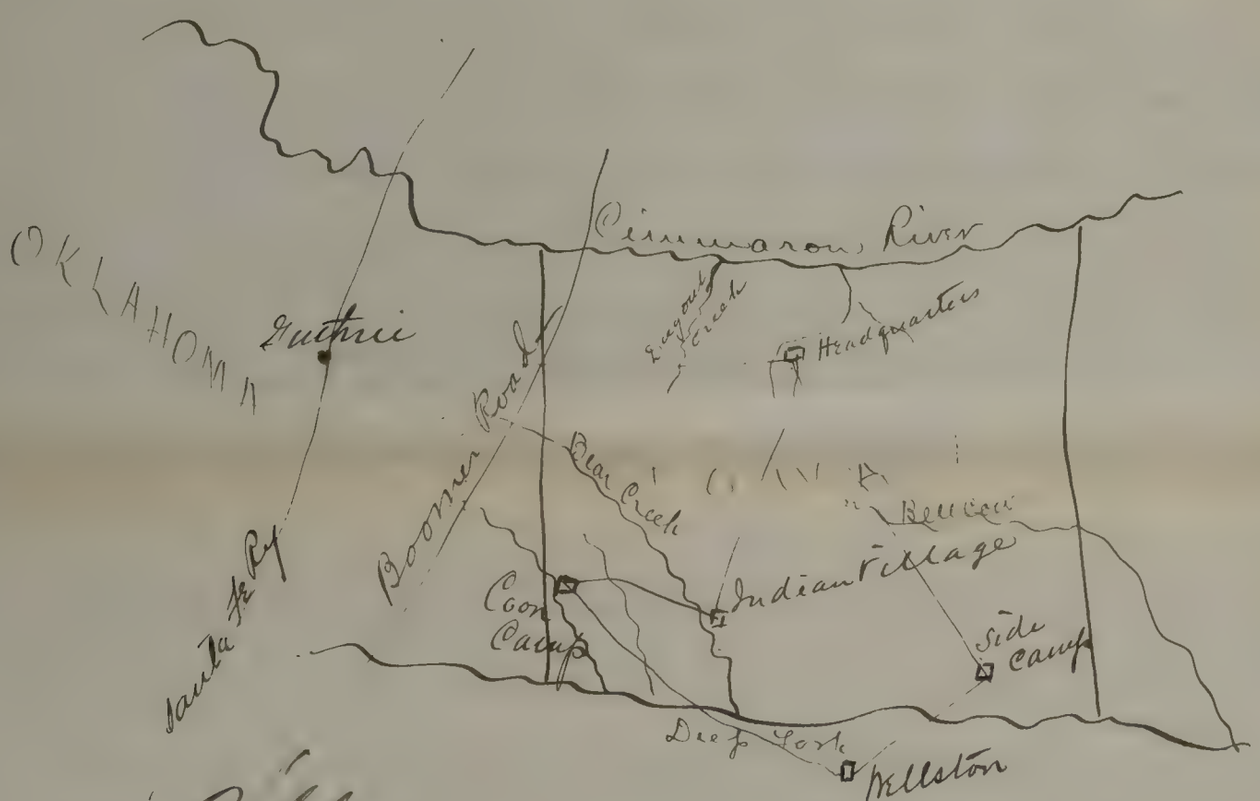
gentlemen and a real nice rough time of it all through. The two Cols are elegant gentlemanly men smart, keen and cultured, Pickett is a fine Quaker gentleman and all round we had a delightful time. lots of wild turkeys, quail, prairie chicken and plenty of deer "in sight"

I wrote you regarding going home soon have written Uncle Eliab concerning several loans- hope to hear often. here is Iowa Reserve



Wilder

W. B. M.
Lawrence, Ks. '87.

Wilder - Oberlin - '78

Dear Wilder

I would join with Jennie in wishing you to do well and would heartily invite you to come and see us and if I can help you in any way I should be glad to do so

I have an acquaintance with several physicians and would be glad to introduce you whenever I could when it would be to your advantage

Yours truly

Hubert E. Brooks.

Tales

I received your letter this (Thursday) morning. Will try and answer your letter - Mr & Mrs Crosier are not Christians. They believe wholly in the Christian religion, are among the foremost in support of the church - they are as Mr & Mrs Twiss used to be - they keep putting it off - Mary I think is trying to be a sincere christian, although she has not yet joined the church - They are New England people and came to Wellington [illegible]

fifteen years ago from Sullivan—
He was quite poor then—that is, he had
not much money. He has worked
hard and risen— He expects no
money from me, for I told him I had
not a cent in the world. He rather
likes me I think, and rather needs
some one to help him, his partner,
Sheldon, is a farmer & knows but
little of business. They do most of their
business buying & selling foreign cheese
that is cheese not from this county—
Mr C— is travelling good deal of the
time. He is ambitious and has
the idea of starting a house in
Chicago to deal in winter cheese
(they make cheese the year round
in the west)— I think his present
position bespeaks as good a better a
business head that any of the Horrs.
I will need $200. I am anxious to buy
a few books before I leave, and will
have to have a new suit of clothes—
Will

W.S.M.
to Father

Oberlin. Apr '78

Oberlin, April 22d 1878

My dear Pater:

I guess I will take time to write to you tonight before I go to work. I have been at work today on a discussion for society tomorrow evening. I am feeling well as usual and busy at work. I've seen several things I rather wanted to talk with you about when I was at home but I had not time or opportunity. I was much pleased at the appearance and condition of things at home and I want you to say to

My new mother that she has, and shall have my hearty support and good will. I should have said it to her myself only Lon and Aunt Albina were back there & I had not much chance to say anything to her. Another thing is about my future prospects. By the way I saw Eugene after I left the mill that afternoon and he said I might have had that place just as well as not as Mr Spencer spoke of and inquired after me several times after my name was mentioned to him.

But I have had another proposition about which I want to consult you.

You remember I said something about cheese factories when I was there. Well to

begin at the beginning- Some
two years ago I met here in
Oberlin, Mary Crosier, of
Wellington, who was then attending
school here- I met her several
times and last summer, I
was thrown considerably into
her society, though a small
circle of us that used to meet,
at Dr Morgan's, to read &c &c-
I grew to know her and like
her better and better, until
finally I came to the conclusion
that she was the lady I needed
and wanted, above all others-
and, it seems, she thought
much the same concerning me-
I know I told you something
like this concerning another
young lady (Miss Kelly) but
we both concluded we were
mistaken- I never made any
serious advances to Miss Kelly

although we had some very plain talks, both with ourselves and with her parents. She kept told me that she did not think we need think or worry about the result of our acquaintance at all, she said she guessed we would understand ourselves fully sometime and, it seems, we did. I did at one time, as I told you, think I had found the one but I did not tell her so. as I at one time intended to. I can see now the great difference between simply a friendly regard, and the stronger, deeper, feeling. I never before felt the great pleasure in any one's company and the desire to be always with any one that I have since I have known Mary Crosier. She is a splendid woman, and like my mother in very many respects. Much to my joy and satisfaction I found that she

thought as much of me as I did of her - and when I spoke to her father and mother I found that they were not at all opposed to me - Mr Crocker is engaged in the cheese business and, with hardly any capital at first, he has worked his way up, amid the opposition of such firms as Horr, Warner, and Co., and Baldwin & Co., until he is now quite well off and has a fine business and has the reputation of being the best judge of cheese in Northern Ohio - Well! he asked me the other day what I proposed to do and I told him my plans, and then he declared to me that I, if I wanted to and would like to, should take hold and help him -

He said he needed more help and would warrant me a good opening - perhaps like his books, and learn the business thoroughly, first - I think he is quite anxious that I should do so -
I know the cheese business is a good business and that he has worked hard, and made money in the face of a good many difficulties -
Now the question is, What shall I do?
I think a good head, can make money in that business in this county - and one other thing I have not lost sight of. Wellington is a place that needs, and should have good earnest Christian labor -

I think I can do good
there, aside making a living—
What do you think?
It has been quite a question
in my mind whether I should
give up medicine and go
into this business— Is this
opportunity given me, for
me to accept and go on and
work and do good there or
only as a temptation or a
test? In many respects
I think it will be well for
me ## to go to W—.
Please write me right off and
talk to me much—
I am sorry to say that
I must ask for more money
this week but so it is—
When John comes over here,
if you will let me, I will
help support him—
Can I have $10. this week—
Please do not let Lou [illegible]

others see all my letter- I find when I come home that She has read all your talks to you and talks to me about them- Your own son

Wilder-

W. S. M. Oberlin Apr. 78.

Oberlin, April 24th, 1878.

Dear Pater:

I received this afternoon the enclosed letter from Aunt Jennie and Uncle Aeibert. Please consider on the contents and tell me what you think. Do not forget that I NEED some money this week. If you had rather I would get money some where else to finish the term with. I can borrow any amount, with you as security. I can earn money immediately after leaving the

as I have already several propositions offered me to choose from and I expect another from the First National Bank, Cleveland between now and June— Please write me soon, I wish to know what your opinion is concerning the contents of my last letter

Your son,

Wilder—

I discussed successfully in society last evening and began to day the opening sentences of my graduating speech.

Wilder

Helena
Fairmont Co
Aug 8 1861

City Aug 8th 1861

Dear Mother

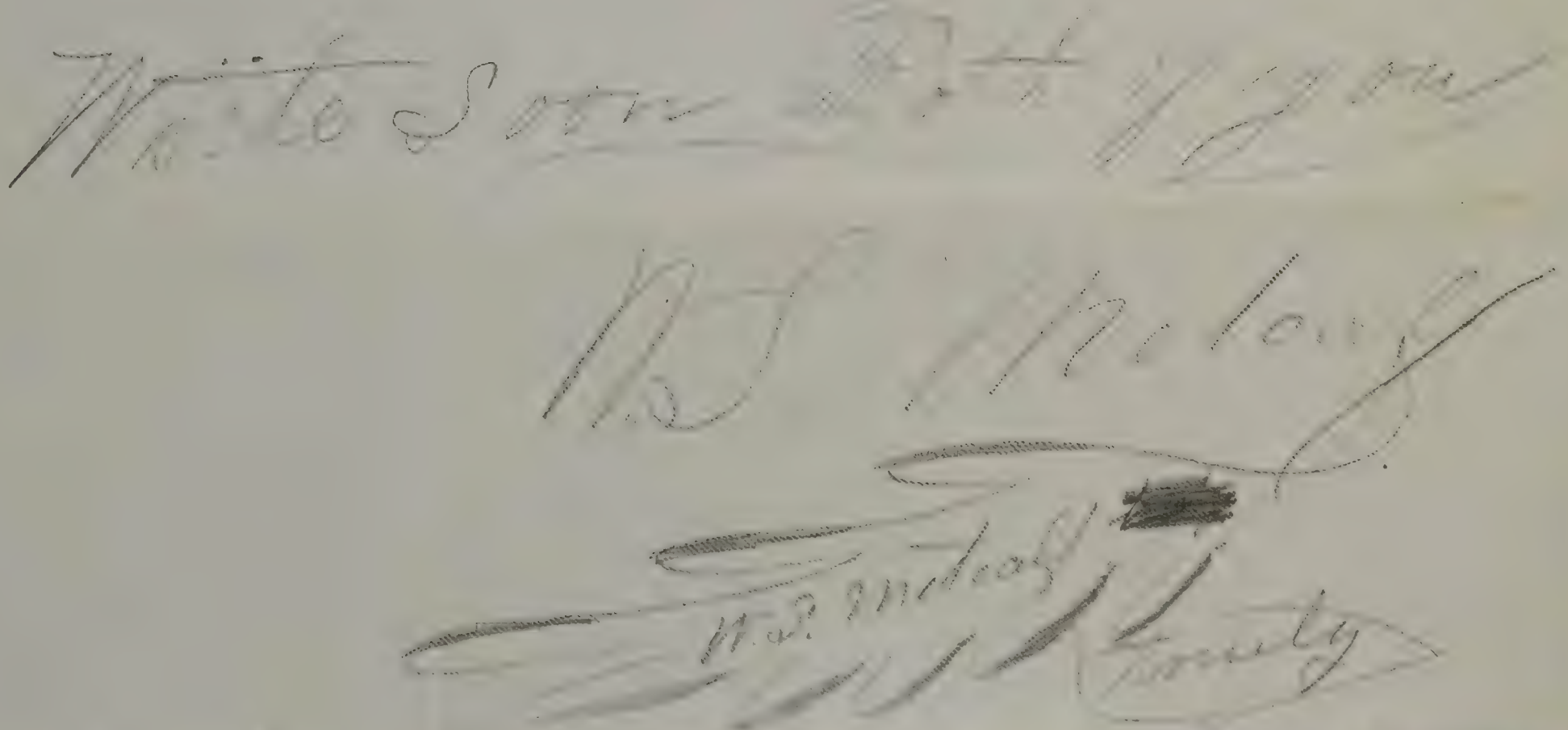
Father [illegible]
Tuesday a little [illegible]
Expect him to [illegible] and [illegible]
just [illegible] me your [illegible]
letter. I am taking [illegible]
regimentals [illegible] and [illegible]
a [illegible] [illegible] is not [illegible]
at such [illegible]. [illegible]
they [illegible] [illegible]
all [illegible] [illegible]
Dear [illegible] [illegible]
hear. [illegible] [illegible]
Have the Hard [illegible]
They are building [illegible]
here Money [illegible]. [illegible]
to [illegible] [illegible]

& the baby are going Dexpect to start for Brownsville monday. There has been a large ship built here named (Nellie Harding) she will not near as much as one hundred thousand she is a ship of 15:00 tons. Father & I went aboard monday last went way down into the lower hold.

Yours affectionately
Hattie
Ashley

do you feel your chickens I would feed them corn & meal & water mixed just so it will crumble are they three white chickens one rooster & the other a pullet I miss has Nell Johnson come do you play with her & Gene tell Irving about my letter.

Love to Mr. & Mrs. Nelson



Chas. + Mrs.

Weldon
Feb 5 1866

Adder
July 29 1866

Elgin July 29th 1866

Dear Mr. Ta-

come out there with you but could not. Uncle E. & Aunt M. and Lucy & Willy are going to Brookville Tommy & Charley & mama & going to go over to stay a whole day when they are gone.

Your Lovey

Son

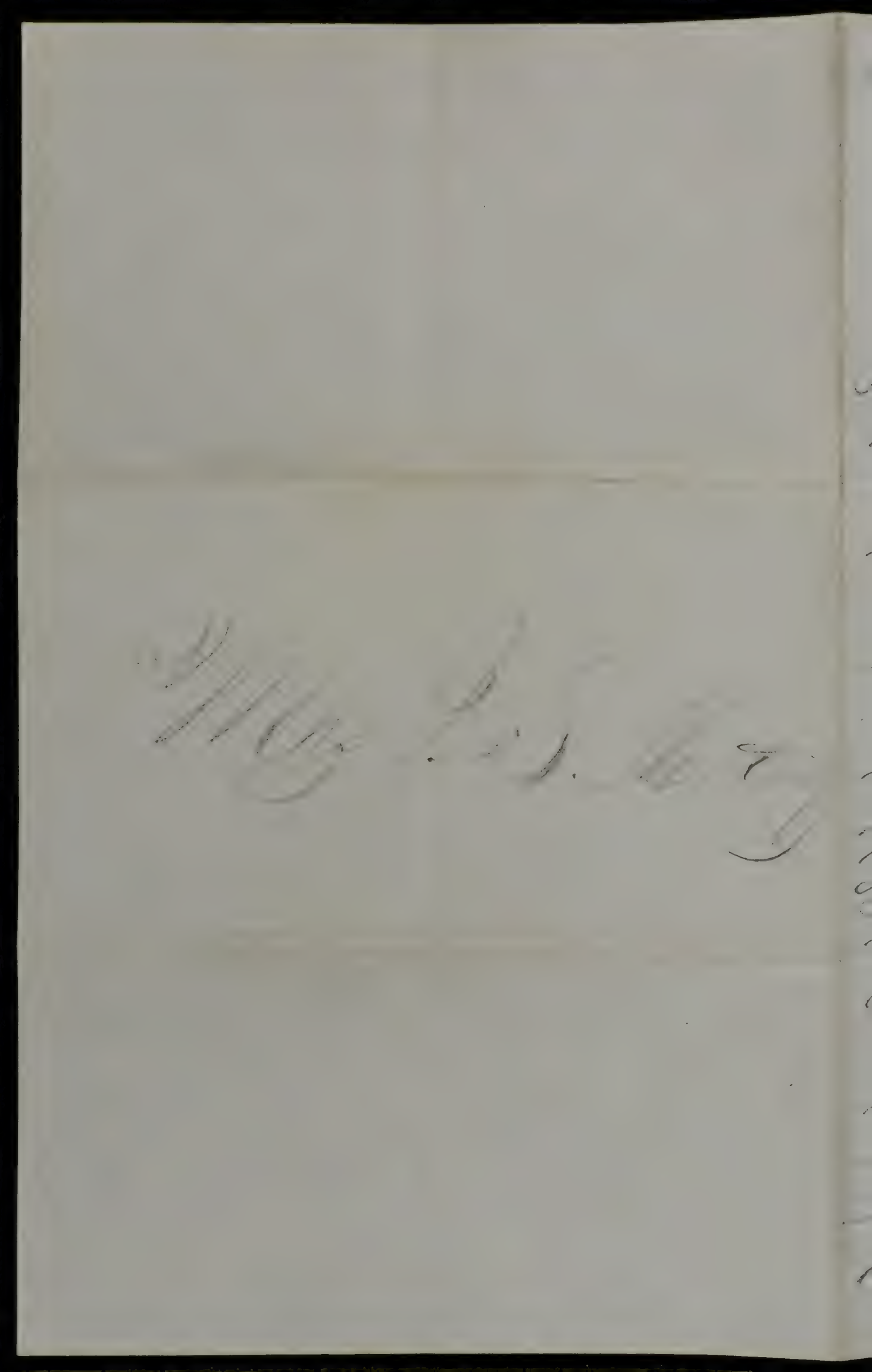
Wilder.

P.S. When you write come by the last of August if not before.

W.S.D.

As soon as you make up your mind
write & then you propose to come – if you choose
I do not suppose you care to give us a surprise.
Only write & me how much money you have got,
and how much more you would like to spend
before coming home, and I will send for that
and yr expenses home. J. S. M.

I expect I will have to go to Cleveland this
week to see about our new S. S. Library.
Mr Holmes preaches here only this Sabbath, goes
home & comes on Tuesday.



Elyria July 8

Dear Mother

I want to see you very much. I hope you and May are having a nice time. We had a very nice time on the fourth. We went to the lake with Uncle Elias's & Mr Nelsons family. We went to Mister Boyds. Charles Rick & Kenny Lewis were to Beaver to see they thought we were there Thursday July 5 we had some fire

ward to Uncle E.'s
to find Lucy & Edith
& Percie over there to
tell them what did
you and May do
on the fourth. John
was very sick on
Sunday last but
was quite lively
this morning.
There was a great
Circus there yesterday
mixed in with part
of Vandenburgh's
menagerie and good
management to it
and got caught
in a big rain storm

I am rigging a ship
with one main sail
and 2 jibs. We get on
nicely but are at home.

Good bye

Your loving

Son

Wilder S. Metcalf

P. S. I hope they will
not write to me down

Wilder July 8 1866

Mrs. S. A. McLeod

Yarmouth

Me.

Care S. D. Putnam

Yarmouth

Me

Elgin Illinois

Dear Father

I want to see you very much. I am waiting back in Mrs. Hastings letter to Elizabeth Stanton. I have shared with Elizabeth and shared up the good. Mrs. Elizabeth talks of going East on Monday. I am hoping to be going Back in School & to go out into the Holes in my thing. Doctor Dickson came here last night with Anna, who is going to stay over night. Did the Fairy Tales this morning? I guess I will stop to hear it.

Yours Lov

Elizabeth Griffith

Wilder A. M.

Aug 25 1864

St Louis

Honolulu Nov 8' 1898

Dear Marion. I can't begin to write you all I want to today as we are going to sail this evening. and I am going to lunch with a Mr Wood, Oberlin man in a few moments and going out into the country a bit after. But so many here know you - and know Anna & Ethel & Hal & Harry & Nellie. All young people here mostly are either at Wellesley or Oberlin. Mabel Lampman, Mabel Wing Castle I especially recall now. They send for me from all parts of the city to talk about you and about the other brothers & sisters - Have been every where with Anna Rich and Will Bowen my classmate. Anna & her five kids talk of going to Ohio for a year in 1900 - They are nicely located and seem real happy and comfortable. Anna teaches some in the seminary where John

Leadingham is. My time has been so full here and I have seen so many people and the place is so beautiful that I have been in a whirl of excitement and enjoyment all the time. We sail this afternoon or tomorrow morning. Cant just tell which now. I will try and write some sort of a history of my visit here and send for a circular letter. We are three weeks on water between here and Manila. will have plenty of time to write. Love to all of you. I am well.

Your bro
Wilder

U.S.M.A. Honolulu. '15

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Well, I must quit for this time I dont just know when mail goes but it must be in a day or two, there is a mail leaving Hong Kong Jan 31st and whether they get there to connect I dont know. Well, here is love to you all and wish the kids would write too.

Your brother
Wilder

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Manila Jan 17th 1899 189

Dear Sister Marion:

Your letter mailed Nov 29th came yesterday. It was but a small mail and covred receipts in Sam Fran up to about Dec 2nd I judge from the dates of the papers I got from Chas. Some Independents came from Mary but no letter. I dont remember just when I wrote you last and I think I have let one mail go by without sending any letter. I have been sick me; with malarial fever. I was sick abed quite a bit and had some rather high temperature but I have it broken now and I am getting up and around and am as hungry as a wolf and feel finely but you should see my shape. I have lost, I dont Know how many pounds of good flesh and I am

as lean and thin as a racer, more so - I can hardly find my neck in my coat collar and I am just a match but I expect to gain it back soon now. I suppose I got full of malaria from acting as field officer of the day and riding up and down our outpost lines day and night and sleeping in open air out there I had taken two tours of this duty about a week apart when I was caught with high temperature and put to bed. I have taken so much quinine that my ears ring all the time but that will pass off in time I hope. and I hope to escape more malaria in future. This is a great country for it. The country about this city is marsh and rice fields and canals and

narrow dykes between nice fields and no dry solid 189
land to speak of. I shall try to escape the outpost duty until I am strong and well again. I have a fine appetite and sleep soundly and am refreshed thereby so I guess nothing serious is the matter. I bought me a pair of glasses today because I thought my eyes did not seem just right after candle lighting there are no optitians here and you just have to try the glasses till you think you are fitted I shall try these for a week before I finally settle on them for I want to get the right ones or as nearly so as possible. I had a fine letter from Anna & Nettie &

Agurriah a week or so ago. I shall answer it soon now. I am writing this in a hurry for I heard tonight that a mail leaves for the U.S. tomorrow and I want this to go on it. When you wrote this letter of the 27th you had not as yet gotten Bowen's letter evidently I am anxious to hear what you think of that effusion. I am glad you heard pom Mabel Lampman She stay in Honolulu was very enjoyable as you can imagine. Meeting so many who knew of me and my mothers & sisters was quite exciting. Mayo was a great one, to miss the Thanks giving at home. I dont think I ever missed one till I went to Kansas at least it seems so to me now. I am so much interested in the new house

every means to make distrust and ill feeling. No one can 189 guess the future but I suppose its all meant to bee and He who watches and guides the course of events will see that it all comes out right eventually. I fear the higher officers are led sometimes by ambition rather than by sense of right but nevertheless it will all work together for good. I know.

They say several regular regiments are ordered here to relieve volunteers but there are not enough ordered here by several to reach us. We will probably be here several months yet or till fall '99 or even next spring after that possibly but I expect to get back during '99 sometime. It seemed good

to get a letter from Annie & Aggie & Net direct and I hope they will do it again. I answered it promptly. There are worlds of queer & wonderful things here which I should love to send to you all but they say the duties are very high & strict and it is not safe to send anything by mail. I shall try to bring some little things when I come back. I shall have a very interesting collection of pictures anyway in which you will all be interested I know. No words can describe the queerness and quaintness and the strangeness of some of these sights, of people & buildings &c. The walled city is a source of never ending wonder I mean to explore it more

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Manila Jan 28th 1899

Dear Marion: Yours of Dec 5th came a day or so since. These mail days are red letter days sure. I have been a little under the weather of late, had malaria and high temperature and lost flesh till I could not find my neck in my coat collar &c. But I am all right now and gaining flesh & strength right along. I never let go and was in command of my battalion all the time. I was carried on sick report for a few weeks much to my disgust in order to relieve me of Field Officer of the day duty. That is where I got my malaria, no doubt, riding night & day along our outpost lines. through ricefields along ditches & canals

that smell to heaven. I shall take it up again in a day or so and hope by judicious use of quinine to escape it any more. I was glad to see that little program of the church concert. I take it that the new church is a regular institutional one everyway. Hope it will do good there. I am glad you are moved. your letter was written 53 days ago and, of course, by this time you have become nicely accustomed to the new house and have greatly enjoyed the comfort thereof during the cold weather. How does the distance into town suit you all How long does it take to walk from your house to the depot L.S. & M.S. do you have mail delivery out there. You are in Elyria & not Carlisle are you not? I am glad you heard so promptly

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of my cablegram. I could not stand much expense for cables the charge is about 2. per word and they count address, signature & all. I dont worry either. I think God will attend to all those matters & I dont need to worry. I always expect to get here & back to you all in due time & all safe & well. I wish I could see into the new house & see you all there. I will some day but I am a little impatient. I suppose you have had Bowen's letter from Honolulu ere this and also that you have begun to get letters from here also. The situation here is still peculiar and critical No scrap yet with the insurgents and may not be but things are "touchy". I wish Dewey had sailed away after blowing the Spanish

fleet to Kingdom come - but he stayed and we came and now we <u>must</u> continue to hang on - There is no other way it seems to me - It will make work for the U.S. The natives here in Manila are bright and smart and civilized mostly and learn so quick those in the interior of this and other islands are an unknown quantity and almost an unknown people - The feeling now between U.S. & Aguinaldo's army is not the best and they seem to resent McKinleys proclamation they want liberty & independence and <u>no help</u> about it either - I am satisfied that the priests do all they can to stir up and make trouble and bad feeling. Some of their papers do also misrepresent and lie about U.S. officers & men and use

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Your brother
Wilder

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Manila Jan 29th 1899

Dear Sister Marion:

Your letter of 21st ultimo came last evening - no one seems to know where this mail came from. We have been expecting mail in a day or so from the Gaelic which arrived in Hongkong 25th inst from San Francisco. but this is said not to be the Gaelic mail. Anyway we have the mail and it dont make so much difference how it came. I think that you are getting letters from Manila once in a while now and hope that you will send them round, they are meant for you all. I write to those who write to me and always answer a letter as soon as it comes. You ought to get a number or a name for your house sure - I dont like those fancy names that people give to their homes they are mostly silly and utterly inappropriate. So I think you had

better find what the number would be
It is too bad about your water supply
and I suppose by this time that you
have plenty. I see by papers that there
is snow and rain. When you once
get your cisterns filled you will not
be likely to run out again. I am
glad you got the Bowers letter and you
will doubtless send it to the brothers
away from home. What does Ely do
to take him away pom day light to dark.
Do you keep a cow and a horse?
Ere now you know that the picture
of the old home came the week before
Christmas. Things go on just as
usual here. One day just about like
another. I spend the days in watching
every speck of dirt of any kind that
appears in all my mens. quarters
and trying to have the men form
habits of cleanliness and health. There
has been lots of small pox in the regi
ment. and very fatal too. but
not a case in my battalion. We
police Binondo and furnish an

outpost the same as we have done for some time. The work is interesting and full of detail for a commanding officer if he does what he should.

I wonder if you see or take the Independent. Mary sends it to me and in one during Nov, I think, there was an article on the Phillipinos by a man named Bray I think was the name. I wonder if you read it. It is a pretty good article. It is true mostly in regard to the characteristics of those natives who live in or near Manila. I think it would hardly apply to those in the interior towns & country. But here they are certainly very polite and well bred in their actions. They are smart as can be too. In many things they are not like Americans and they dont Know how to Keep their premises clean although personally they are very clean.

that man seems to think Aguinaldo is a fine man - He certainly has the affection and confidence of the people. But I understand that at the time the war broke out he was not here because he had been paid $250.000. by the Spaniards to go away - This is the report and I dont Know what truth is in it - The situation is still somewhat strained, but conditions better than some days since I think - We continue to hold a long line entirely around the city and a few hundred yards back of our line is another held by armed insurgents - Just what it will all amount to no one can tell. I hope the natives will decide to accept peaceably the assistance of the U.S. in establishing a stable government - We can't let go and must hold on. We are bound to do so now. I think

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I am not in favor of annexation but simply a protectorate. If we don't hold on here there would be a messy war among other nations who stand here ready to grab when we let go.

These people are Christian really Catholic of course. They seem to be as virtuous and temperate as any nation. One sees more drunken american soldiers I am sorry to say than Chinese or Phillipino. You rarely see a drunken native and you can hardly go a dozen blocks any day without seeing drunken soldiers. I think our Kansas troops are better in this respect than some of the other regiments. I know my battalion is much better. Once in a while I have a man or two punished for drunkenness. most always the same old cases, who have been troublesome ever since our muster

in. We have services, song & scrip ture reading. devotional & preaching on Sundays and once or twice in the week. The services are pretty well attended - I dont like our Chaplain - he dont seem to know how to get next to people - He rarely goes to the hospital to see the sick and never to see a small pox case - Father McKinnon Catholic priest & chaplain of the California regiment goes to the hospital daily and into the small pox wards also - I like him and think he does a good deal of good - I go some times to the great cathedrals to a service - The music is grand but the incense and the rest of the mummery I have no use for. We have an officer very sick with small pox now - I think it doubtful if he lives - The small pox cases have been

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bad and the percentage of deaths large. More than half I 189 judge - The weather is pleasant here now - cool nights and not too hot days It is warm and no need of fires of course, to keep warm by, but it does not seem tropical - By May or June and likely before that I suppose it will be hot and wet too. // But we hope to stand it all right - Wish you could get the Kids to add words to your letters - You are all right - I dont think a mail has reached me since I left San Francisco without a letter from you - Well, this will do for this time Love to all of you

Your Brother

Wilder

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Feby 14" 1899

Dear Marion.

"War began here Feby 4" 8 P.M. and 20 Kans has been under fire night & day ever since. We have scrapped over some eight miles of country driving the poor Philipinos before us. We have had 5 killed & some thirty wounded one officer killed 2nd Lt. Alford. Harry will remember him. We are way S of city now. 20 Kansas has an enviable reputation as fighters & the boys whistle & sing as Mauser & Remington balls whistle & sing all about them. We can tell G.A.R. stories now too. I think it wont last much longer. Love to you all—

Yours

Wilder

Pom you which was surprising

I got a few letters on the firing line but none

1. "In the field 8 mi. S. of
"Manila. March 7 '99

~~Dear Mariano Your letter~~

~~of Jan 23~~ came a few days
ago on one of the several mails
~~that~~ arrived lately. You have
~~afraid~~ your reward. For some
time every mail brought a letter
from you ~~but there have been a~~
~~few mails of late without your~~
~~hand~~ "We are living in trenches
8 miles out of Manila near the
town of Caloocan which was
captured by the 20th Kansas Feby 10th
after a hot fight. The weather is
fine, pretty hot but in the shade
there is a breeze and it is quite
enjoyable. My face and hands
are brown as a chestnut and
my health and appetite never
were better. We have had no hard
fighting for several days but as
soon as the troops now on the

way from the R. R. are here
there will doubtless be an advance
I am in hopes the natives will soon
get enough and will want to
negotiate. I expect they will have
to be licked once more first. The
Commissioners came Saturday
but whether they will affect at
all the active operations I am
uncertain. I think there is a
good deal of dissatisfaction in
the insurgent ranks and that
many of them fear but half
heartedness in the hostilities.
They have suffered severely in
the fighting thus far. and I
hope they are getting enough.
Regs have lived in the field and
slept on the firing line on the
ground since Feby 3d. I enjoy
it and its healthy. I hope the
operations will be over before

all am. Lee I am that this sheet is his part of the letter. I have not time to write much today and its hard work to write on my knee. I was very glad indeed to get your letter below and I wish all of you would write and a few words for they look even so nice way off here at the other end of the world. There are ten hours difference in time between us. Can you figure that out and tell which of us is ahead of the other. Its Noon here now of Tuesday March 7th. What hour of what day is it in Elyria? There is an enemy for you. We are stretched out in a long semi circle around the city of Manila from Bay on North to bay on South and the insurgents are in front of us everywhere. Some 200 to 1000 yards. We can see them with the field glasses plainly. We are on the side toward

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the rainy season which is on in May & June. The discomforts of campaigning when the wet season comes will be great. I am greatly interested with the new house & all that concerns it. I am glad Annie is to see and enjoy it with you. I hope you will all take great comfort & delight in it. You have my acknowledgements and thanks for the old home picture by this time. For whom are the memorial windows in the new church? I wish there could be one for Pater. I am sorry to hear of the mumps & grip for Arthur and I trust he survived them both in good shape. Is he rugged and strong as the others now. I remember once when he was getting sick and thin and feeble. I hope he has developed the usual good Metcalf constitution by this time. He is a dear kid as they

3"

Probably the insurgent capital
must fall some fifteen or twenty
miles. If the hostilities last much
longer I suppose we will have
to advance and capture that city.
The weather here is like summer
they have no winter. At least
nothing that we could call
winter as one can be pretty
comfortable with no clothes on
anytime, at least the natives
can. In the shade of a big
mango tree where I sit there
is a breeze and one is quite
comfortable. The most prevalent
vegitation is banko which looks
at a little distance like our
willow. There are trees of various
kinds. Within a couple of months
it begins to rain and then just
pours about all the time. We
are hoping we can get into
some town by that time and
not have to campaign and

clerk on the ground as we do now.

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Manila Apl 9th 1899

Dear sister Marion:

Your letter of Feby 27th came a day or so since. It finds me nominally in the hospital as I am not discharged and go there every three days to have my foot dressed but I live in barracks with the sick and incompetent of the 20th Kans. I participated in all the fighting in the advance from Caloocan & La Loma Church to Malolos. We were within view of Malolos when I had to quit. My second Mauser ball entered on top of the big toe just in front of the big joint and came out on the sole of the foot immediately behind the ball - Likely to take some time to cure up, I fear, but its doing finely now and there is no fighting where I ought to be so I try to be patient. Malaria disappeared instanter when the war began. I was never better than during the fighting Since Feb 3rd I slept on the ground and was covered by the stars and grew in wright and strength daily - So you will be 40 to May 1st Will I shall be 44 last 10 & Chas 42 Aug 1st & so on. We dont feel old, thats sure, and

we dont look it either. Every one disputes my count as to my years. I had a letter from Ittle Nan also a few days ago. dated pom Feby 19th to 26th they dont say anything about the change in address but I suppose your letter is right so when I send reply I can put on Jüden also. The life over there will do the children much good doubtless - I hope you gave Rena breakfast while she was there & really I hope all the Kids get something to eat in the morning especially befor they go out to walk in the cold winds. They need heat then. I wish you would tell me the idea of your plan. Wherein is it good? and why? Good for your bread baking - wish I had some now. I wish father had a memorial window - Surely he did as much as several of those mentioned - Looks as if the memorial windows were paid for & put in, not by church, but by family of one memoired. I have lost the Spec's dont need them any more. My eyes are as good as ever so far as I can see - Things here quiet since capture of Malolos. There will doubtless be more fighting but I hope not till I get able to step on my foot. Aggy may be able to hold some men together yet. Tho - I think the people are tired of his lies and

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his misrepresentations regarding the U. S. Aggy is no patriot, at least, not according to our ideas - he is a consummate rascal and fraud - deceiving these people for his own glory and profit. He is no good. The wounded Phillipinos whom we pick up and bring in here and treat as we do our wounded will help change the popular ideas as they are discharged and mingle with the people - There are still a few places where bands of insurgents congregate and doubtless it will take scraps to disperse them but I hope its about over & that the Volunteers can return to U.S. this summer - 20th Kans. has the record here - 26 killed in action & 81 wounded. and we have beaten the others in hitting Phillipinos also - Nebraska has few less killed & few more wounded I think - Well, I am all right.

Your brother

Wilder

saw this. One is Spanish & other Tagalog. all a big lie exactly the opposite of truth. I have some more of these also. much worse lies—

Manila Apl 24th 99

Dear Marion:

Yours of 13th March came last week late and was mighty glad to hear from home. I am cross these days. I am perfectly well, all except my right big toe. It is disgusting to be kept out of a good scrap by such a trifling thing. I was hit just this side of Malolos Mch 29th almost a month ago and I cant step on my foot yet. But its doing well I spose, so they say, and I hope to be all right again soon. If I could put on a shoe I would like it better. I spose I can sometime. A hole thro the bone is a bad thing and heals slowly. Wish I could tell you of the fine fights we had from Mch 24 to 31st Covering the advance from Caloocan & La Loma Church to Malolos. I have not ambition

enough to do it. This climate is sort of bad that way- I am well & fine & can be but I cant get energy enough to do much else but what has to be done- I have "writ" letters all day today and that's something anyway- Am quite interested in Jones mayoralty contest but of course I dont know anything about the merits of it- like on at Jr. Ex. How tempus fugits- Ely graduating. I want to see them all- and I shall come on to Ohio just as soon as we are mustered out at Fort Leavenworth probably sometime in August. I want to see the new house & hope all the Kids and Kidlets will be there too- If I come, however, I must insist on having breakfast. After all I have said on that subject I hope you have reformed and become sensible. I know your premises in the matter must be false- Cant be

otherwise. I had not heard of Aunt Almeda's death nor of May Putnam's marriage. When you write to any of these people give them my kind remembrance and love. I just can't write over here – Never could write anyway much. Here is a word for Nelson

Dear brother Nelson.

Your letter of 10th March came in Marion's of 13th. I am always very glad to have you write and hope you will do it again, only there wont be time for you to do so after you get this, for we are likely to start home in June. It will take till after June 1st for you to get this and then if you wrote at once it would be after July 1st before the letter could get here. I am coming on to see you all as soon as I get to the United States. Wish I could show you some of these queer people here.

its always summer here and the kids dont wear any clothes and the old folks few- you could see an old woman going along on the street carrying a baby and smoking a cigar at the same time. Thew women & men & children chew a nut called beetle nut which makes their lips & teeth look red like blood. These people are "birds" as the boys say- Some are educated and refined and all right. I met a Seety of Aguinaldo who is a civil prisoner. he dresses well talks good English, is a fine musician, has traveled & studied in London & Spain. He wants fighting to stop and his people & ours to be friends at least so he says- Here is his card that he gave me.

Your bro

Wilder

he turned the corner down as he handed it to me -

Manila June 28 1899

My dear sister Marion:

Your letters of May 5th, 11th & 22nd are all here. the first were received some days ago out at San Fernando 45 miles North of Manila. We are now relieved from the firing line after nearly five months of constant strain and are in the strange and curious old walled city of Manila doing patrol and garrison duty. No news of when we are to go home but I suppose it will be some time within two months. When I am a citizen one more I want to go to Elyria and visit with you all a while and I think I shall do this pretty quick after arrival in U.S. & muster out. I am glad you are over your scarlet fever quarantine — Poor Nelson seems to have all that is going. I am quite lame yet and have to walk with a cane or a crutch but I guess it will be all right some day. I don't care to have my picture in my life portfolio

but they got some of it in spite of me I see several pictures from rejected negatives left with photographer in Lawrence. Nettie Weekley had one taken for law class picture and no doubt furnished by some member of my law class. You can't tell by the papers when this war will end. It makes me smile to see all the U.S. papers saying that the war is practically over &c. and the very moment I am reading such nonsense turn out a thousand men to repel an attack of ten thousand insurgents under Aguinaldo himself. That actually was the case at San Fernando.

By the way the Kansas regiment alone killed 141 insurgents that little scrap and I sent out my escort wagons and gathered up the poor bodies and gave them Christian burial (or burial, anyway) in the San Fernando cemetery. Well. I am awfully busy and have been scratching this off at too rapid a gait for good [illegible] Hope to see

you all are long-

I meant to write Nelson one for himself but I just can't now. tell him I am very very glad to get his letter-

I wish I had time to pick some of the flowers of this country and send to him but I can only look at them as I ride by them - Now Nelson don't catch any thing else. you have had your share-

[illegible]

Wish Hymn June '99

Manila P.I. Aug 25th 1899

My dear Sister:

It has been a long time since I have written to you and just about as long or a little longer since I have heard from you. But since I became a Colonel my time has been much more taken up. There is a lot of work about running a regiment especially when your predecessor was not at all interested in or careful about office details. The fact is that a Major's job is about the best in the business, so far as leisure is concerned. Well, the 20th Kans. has been in Manila since June 27th and has not fired a gun since the 22d of June, when we had our last fight and killed some forty odd Philippinos. We have been having hard work in here, however, We are a part of what is known as the Provost Brigade and we do guard and sentinel duty at Public Buildings the Prison and in the streets of the city. We do not know when we shall go home but probably shall get started early in September. We had expected to sail on the "City of Para" but looks now as if we might get the "Tartar" or possibly the "Newport"

back of them good boats, we shall be detained in San Francisco probably three weeks and I want to get home to Elyria for Thanksgiving dinner and guess I can make it. I wish all the brothers and sisters might get there too but some can not perhaps. I was much interested in the talk about John for a place at Oberlin and wish he could get it. I am also interested to know why Harry worked only one night at the job he secured. You can write me a letter to reach San Francisco about October first and tell me all the news. We are short of news and mail here now as they have doubtless held up the Kansas mail in Price. We are awfully busy getting ready to go home. discharging 200 men or more here in Manila to go into business or into other regiments. a few to go home through Europe. Wish I could do so as I shall probably never get back in this corner of the world unless I am made governor of one of these islands. I would like that and wish some kind friend would tell Wm McKinley that I am an awfully good and smart man but I dont suppose any one will think to do so Well I must quit.

Your Brother Wilder

Wilder S. Metcalf
Farm Loans
in Eastern Kansas
Safe and Prompt.

Lawrence, Kansas.

August 21, 1930

Miss Marion Metcalf,
Bonneview,
Point Chautauqua, N.Y.,

Dear Marion:

Your letter of August 18 is here today. We are trying to arrange matters to satisfy the oil and gas men in regard to the trusteeship of the Lawrence National Bank, which seems to be the principal matter of interest now. There is some question in regard to the law as to brothers and sisters of half blood. So far as I am concerned I am inclined to treat everybody as if they were full bloods. I wonder how you and the others feel about it.

We are having prepared a suitable paper to be sent around for the signatures and acknowledgements of the twelve living children and heirs. It will reach you one of these days.

I received a letter today from G. H. Dempsey of North Olmstead, Ohio inclosing a check for $10 which is quartely payment for an oil lease on the wood lot. A letter from Dempsey said they were drilling in that direction but it would be sometime before they reached this particular land. It is a good thing to get the rent anyhow. I notice the land is assessed for taxation at a little under $7000 and it ought to sell for $8000 anyway, I should think. The 1929 tax receipt is here. I think when we get the matter all straightened out it would be advisible to repay you for the taxes that you have paid, but that will be as you decide, of course.

Very truly yours,

Wilder

WSM:DS

WILDER S. METCALF.

Wilder

June 21 1866

Dear May

we miss you and Mother very much. Little John since you have been gone always has led Eliza out to the gate and said, papa papa and the other night before last quite hard for a few minutes. Father & Charlie & Me went to the station and Pete as much as to say what made me so silly I took a piece of corn bread and an orange & some candy and gave to John & Anna. Father bought a pair of little men made out of corn stalk with covered with cloth and painted there arms and must to gether and there hands on each others shoulders in the form of wrestling or there is a

string through both of
these corners you take hold
of both ends of the string
and pull and they burn &
twist and squirm and struggle
& it is fun to see them.

I must quit
Send bye
your brother

Walter

S. Stead

P.S. write to me
soon

W. Stead

San Francisco Cal. June 16th 1898.

Dear Sister Anna:

Your letter of 5th came today. I was glad to hear from you. We are still here in this beautiful city. We are close to the most beautiful Park I ever saw anywhere - drives, bike paths. flowers, lakes, shrubs. the sea & everything. Have no time to try to describe it. We get up at 6 am and drill almost all day long. 2d Expedition left for Manila yesterday - in four great steamers. We may go within two weeks. I mean to hunt up Anna of course in Honolulu I will note her address. Wish I could see Cassie Reamer also. Will Bowen was a classmate of mine. Had circular from him only a day or so since regarding reunion. Am awfully sorry to miss that reunion. but I have not a time to send them a letter I sent Bowen just a line in reply to his circular. Our Class letter died soon and I never hear from any of them hardly. Wish I could be there to see Karl & Rena. But I will make them a visit when the cruel war is over.

If I should return home from Manila via Hongkong will call on you in Germany. if you are still there

much obliged for the letter from John. I must go to drill now. Will try and answer letters by a few lines with reasonable promptness. Love to C & the boys & girls.

Your brother

Wilder

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Lawrence, Kans., 188...

Mr .....

take it. Some of the cowboys can throw a rope wherever they choose to. catch a steer on the dead run. by head or horns or any foot you may name to them. and the cow ponys too are wonderfully intelligent. They will follow a particular animal through a drove of hundreds as soon as they see which one you are after, and they see just about as quick as you do, too, and the moment the animal is caught by the thrown lasso, they will brace back for the shock when the rope tightens and stand so firm as to often throw a heavy steer heels over head when he runs out to the end of the rope, which by the way is always fast to the horn of the saddle. It is a great

Oct. '88.

sight and I should love to be on the range at the general annual round up in June ~~some~~ year—

Col D. urges me to go down next June but it is not a good time to get away, I want to be in Ohio then and I can't afford but one vacation per year—

I will [illegible]

some [illegible] but have not [illegible]

time— [illegible] and Sunday

and the [illegible] of this letter. Provided you

[illegible] with us a letter—

[illegible]

Wilder—

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— Pile —

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Mr ....

Left Lawrence Oct 29th 1888. 11.05 A.M. took sleeper, dining in Topeka, supper in Newton - Conductor on sleeper had nearly $1000. bet on Cleveland and wanted to bet me a 160 acre farm that Cleveland would be elected - He said he very seldom bet, but when he saw a sure thing he knew it. At Newton where we had supper and waited an hour for trains I met a Missouri farmer who had been in Southern Kansas visiting and he said it was quite likely that Missouri would go Republican and that he had heard that Arkansas was likely to; as all the Democratic secret political clubs or "Wheels" were for Harrison. I had some sport with the conductor in relating this to him although not able to shake his faith in the election of Cleveland. I retired early and was awakened by the porter about 18 or 20 miles North of Edmond, my stopping place. Dressed and

got my guns and grip ready to alight. Saw Guthrie where we left the train the year before as we slid past it. Pulled up at Edmond I.T. consisting of Telegraph office, pump house, great coal shed with elevated tracks, section mans house and operators house, tool house &c. Operator a boy and his house occupied by foreman of the coal house. Houses alike and surrounded by board fence, enclosing may be half acre. Edmond beautifully located on the high divide between the Cimmaron River and North Fork of Canadian. Rans map will show. just West of the head prongs of Deep fork. Level as a floor, rich black soil, delightful air.

Went in to operators office and found that Col. Townsend and party were in "town" asleep in the section house. Talked an hour with operator Emil Gross Pensylvania Dutch, once a brakeman, lost leg coupling cars now operator, usual pay of operators $45 $50, in Territory $60. on acct of the lonesomeness of the place. Gross liked it as it enabled him to save because he could not spend. Finally laid down on

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Mr. .....

his cot and slept an hour or so. it was about 3 AM. when I arrived.

At daylight walked down to the section house, finding Col. Townsend who had been on the ranch since Oct. 6th looking rough and ragged. His party consisted of Wm. Wright cow boy - Chas Keebolte, occupation doubtful, & John D. Turner, Indian Trader at Wellston. They had been several days sighting and marking out a road from Edmond, about due East to "Coon Camp" and Wellston. Turner much interested in the project as it brought him 15 miles nearer the rail road and his supplies which he had been taking from the Road at Oklahoma city some miles South - We "hooked up" two horseback, rest in wagon and started East marking road by dragging two long rough trimmed poles tied to the Axle tree so as to follow the wheels - Shortly Keebolte

and myself took the saddles and made a detour to the head of a long draw which came out into the Deep Fork bottoms and followed it down meeting the wagon at the junction- The road in the main was due East along the bottom of Deep Fork.

I shot several prairie chicken before mounting the pony- while walking near the wagon- When I took saddle I put up shotgun and took Winchester as we looked for deer- We rode along the draw mentioned one on each side probably 2 or 3 hundred yards, sometimes half a mile, apart- seeing lots of good places for deer but no deer- Finally riding along a beautiful wide bottom half a mile long maybe covered heavily with grass as high as back of horse- up jumps a fine buck from his bed in the grass 100 yards or more in front of the pony- up comes rifle- bang! Deer jumps clear out of the grass, but comes to the ground and tears on faster than ever Bang again— N- G- Deer runs to bluff at lower end of bottom. head in sight through

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Mr ....

the high grass. He did not go over the bluff. I thought he stopped in a thicker at foot of bluff—

Neebotte rides across- says I certainly hit him hard when he jumped so high- We hunt the thicker through but find no deer he probably turned toward the channel of the creek and rounded the point of bluff into the next bottom anyhow we missed him and could find no trace of him and proceeded, I being disgusted but happy at having had a shot at a deer— No further incidents till camp was reached about 3:30 P.M. I stuck to the saddle and was complemented by the cowboys and all for my "seat"— "Coon Camp" a new side camp on IOA ranch is nearly in the S.W. corner of Iowa reservation, about 1/2 mile from junction of Deep Fork and Coon Creek. Log cabin. post barn +

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pew, two big stacks wild hay &c-
Col. camped in a wall tent 12x
14. Hay on one side, held in place
by rails, then rubber coats or tarpulin.
blankets &c- Good bed- The cook
got dinner for us, and before
dark I shot a few quail within
sight of camp- The party in
camp consisted of Col. Townsend
proprietor- Washington D.C. Two
young men from Cincinnati., one
the son of Mrs Gibson, owner of
"Gibson House", who is friend of Col
T- and the other a friend of his-
Tom Johnson, part Mexican
part Colored, professional roper &
cow boy, & his wife an Arkansas
snuff dipping woman, both rather
young say 35- who occupied the
cabin- Wright- plainsman, & cow
boy, employe, Keebolte, Tennessean
1st Lieutenant, in Forest's Cavalry,
during war had spent two years
in Territory, since Jan. among the
Iowa Indians building log cabins
for them, in place of their poles and
skins, helping them farm and
general instructor in the useful
arts and sciences- under general
direction of Bro- Frazer the Quaker
missionary- Keebolte was a born
hunter, had killed deer and bear

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Mr .....

in the Tennessee mountains since boyhood - pleasant fellow, and my particular guide for several days. Fun to hear him talk of the ward rc - language peculiar too, thar for there, that-a-way, this-a-way-bar - bear - and so on ad infinitum - Geo Elliott the ranch foreman was away hunting three horses which had strayed from camp and left the party "afoot," as they said - This camp was on the same creek as our camp last fall but at its mouth, last year, was 5 miles up the creek - We were 15 miles East of Edmond 25 S.W. of headquarters and 8 or 10 West of Wellston - See map - Oh, the cook was "Doc." Haas, Philadelphian sailor, been all over the world merchant marine, & man-o-war - left sea & came West in 1854 - Government teamster in Kansas Texas New Mexico and all over the

West. claimed also to have been once well off & in wholesale liquor biz. in St Louis - Married a Pottowatomie Indian woman, nearly white, has one boy at Hampton one at Carlisle and a girl at Chilloccco. near Arkansas City -

"Doc" had just been discharged from jail at Wichita where he was put pending trial for murder -

"Great outfit" - "Doc" was mild and harmless and above all a great cook. Venison, wild turkey quail, chicken &c - he could serve up in great shape at least it seemed so to hungry men and his victuals "went" sure - The Cincinnati boys left within two or three days Colo, making the drive out one day and back the next - Well we spent a little over a week here - Some of us hunting all the time The Col - superintending the completion of his stockade barn and thatching of roof &c -

Took in a load or so of corn from Indians, one old Shawnee Squaw, with son, his squaw two papposes and a 16yr boy came from Little River 40 miles South with 12 bushels of corn

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Mr

in the car, for which they got 40¢ per bushel - It took them two days each way - The Shawnees as a rule, more especially the Upper or Absentee Shawnees are very industrious, have good log houses corn fields, fine horses and cattle. These are those who scattered over the West where now is Iowa reserve and Oklahoma built themselves houses and so on and were moved out by the Government some 5 years since and are now scattered among the Kickapoos on Little River, in the Pottawattomie's rc rc - I had several more good chances at deer with rifle, but failed to capture one, although I think I wounded one or two Kubolts got several and crippled two or three which we could not find, one was found a week after within half

a mile of where we lost the trail eaten nearly up by wolves and coyotes.

We got any quantity of quail, chicken and wild turkey- Its great fun to watch a flock of turkey to roost and then sneak under them and pick them off- or to get up before light and get out near the roost and call them with a turkey call. (bone from turkeys wing)-

The missing horses did not turn up at headquarters or at camp although Geo. scoured the country thoroughly.

We were visited frequently by Iowa or Kickapoo Indians who are great beggars and will beg or steal any thing or every thing in the shape of eatibles especially- One day the Col. and I drove up about two miles above our last falls camping ground, seven miles say- to a Kickapoo camp- where there were said to be horses for sale- As we rode along the Coon Creek bottoms we saw several places where Oklahoma boomers had been

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Mr. .....

in spying out the country and settling on a location. During warm weather, hundreds of them wander over Oklahoma in search of the choice bottoms &c staying till the soldiers from Ft Reno spy them out and lead them back to Kansas- At the old Coon Camp, where you remember there were three houses, some one had lived some time had put into the lot a patch of corn had left his name carved on the trees &c- but had evidently been led out in disgrace by the soldiers before he could gather his crop- Well we reached the Kickapoo camp just as they were pulling stakes to go North to the Cimmaron River on a big hunt to last till Christmas- The camp was almost out of sight to one passing within 100 yards and in a wide island or bottom right

in the creek channels. thick brush on all sides &c-

There were six or eight families and probably 20 or 30 men women and children, 50 horses and seemingly four times as many dogs- They were busily engaged in getting a "move on"- could hardly stop to look at us much less talk- The Kickapoos all speak Mexican. having some years ago been on a raid way South and were brought back to their reservation by military-

Col. J. speaks some Spanish and could converse some.

The squaws had the pelts robes, blankets &c nicely rolled and tied- Were saddling & packing the ponys. They first put on the saddle (wooden hide covred so shaped then hung a roll of blankets or skins by thongs to the pommels one roll each side. then spread blankets over saddle, rolls, and all and piled on top till the whole structure was a foot or more above the pony's back and two feet projecting each way from back bone- flat top- On this perched pappose with long stick

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Mr. .....

no lines, or squaw- Men on saddle only and unencumbered save by rifle- It was a sight to see them go, single file from Chief to the last horse and dog- leaving a few poles and a smoldering fire where 30 minutes before had been the whole noisy outfit-

We returned on the other bottom from the one we came up on long smooth stretches of thick high grass- with the divides on one side and the creek channel and the bottom and divide on the other-

We moved out of Coon Camp finally Eastward in the rain one day bound for Wellston.

2 horseback. Col & Geo Elliott company others wagon-

Charlotte shot a yearling buck on the road over- On arrival at store at Wellston, was 3 P.M.

cold driving rain. Col. Geo & I dined with Turner the Trader and the Dr. cooked in the rain and the others sat right out in the storm. But venison, rains are good most anywhere the texture or grain of venison is almost as fine and close as liver - We bunked on the floor of the store that night which was cold, right smart cold - rain turned into snow during night and it snowed all the next day, which was Friday - I presume there was an inch or snow Sat AM after the storm and the Col & Geo said the storm and the snow were as severe as they ever get down there. We spent Friday in the store or about the buildings, usually as near the fire as possible as it was sure cold - Too much so, the Col. thought, to make the drive to Headquarters facing the North - and the wind and sleet -

Saturday morning we got an early start and drove to headquarters. it was cold

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Mr ....

but I was warm blooded and enjoyed it. The weather moderated rapidly and the sun set warm Sat eve and Sunday was delightfully warm and pleasant as had been the case before the storm. Snow entirely gone before Sunday noon and the young grass over the late burns started up as green as could be. The prairies are all burned, purposely along in July & Aug. and from pure cussedness by the Indians in the fall during their hunts.

This year the burns are quite general and some uneasiness is felt lest not enough be left to winter the cattle. Old range however in fair shape in this regard. Sunday we spent visiting with the Indians several families of whom were up in the vicinity of the

headquarters on a hunt-
They are miserable
beggars- Some of them: They
beg meat, with the country
full of game, they are too lazy
to hunt. They beg flour, beg
potatoes, beg salt, beg money
beg any thing beg everything-
Always time their visits to
get there at meal time, never
stop eating as long as they can
see any thing to eat. They know
good "Chuck" when they see it
as they say- They can smell
a meal cooking as far as a
crow smells carrion and
make as straight for it- Some
of the Indians are an unmitigated nuisance- Two old
reprobates were camped near
and the pretexts they made
to visit the house were
amusing if they had not
been exasperating Old
John Grant ass Brockanee
an Iowa and Old Medicine
Horse- Latter is an Otoe and
their blood chief, but for some
reason has left or been driven
from his tribe and makes his

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Mr .....

home with the Iowas. The U.S. has tried for 15 years to get him into his proper place but without avail. he defies the whole U.S. and holds his point. he traditionaly and conscientiously hates a White man. Col Townsend Indian Inspector for 15 yrs personally acquainted with every Indian tribe from Wash Ter. to Florida says old Medicine Horse is the best specimen in frame feature and mind of the traditional aboriginal Indian, that he knows of any where. I failed to see him last year and counted myself lucky to make his acquaintance this year. He is a plumb good one. Never a hat disgraces his head. scalp lock in all its glory. No boot on his foot, no pants on his legs. No coat on his back. Never.

and he had sooner die by far- bareheaded, moccasins breech clout leggins and blanket is his outfit always and will be till he passes in his checks, which Col D. says he hopes, for the good of the Iowas, will be soon—

I would give a good big silver dollar for a good picture of the old rascal- 70 years old, round legged as a youth, straight and a trifle pot ~~gutted~~ bellied, sharp keen and subtil as a fox. he is a dandy and do not forget it- He was short of clothing and to my extreme delight I was able to trade my blanket for his tomahawk- steel with pipe bowl in the head and hollow handle. Col. D. says he has prized the ax highly and always claims he has done many an enemy to death with it- He was a mighty man of war in his

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Lawrence, Kans., 188

Mr

day— It was worth more than a little to see the old fellow and hear him talk through an interpreter—

They are bright witted and some of them have good heads and good sense—

To show the quickness of old Brockaner— He sat down to the dinner just as we got up one day and the Col— passed him a large dish of bacon swiming in fat— Brockaner reached for a peice with his fingers and the Col drew it back and shouted at him. "Take your fork you old rascal"—

"Nothing on my hands— hands clean, no have to use fork like you" quick as a flash he gave it back to him— They were a great pic nicd those two old ras-

cals-

But many of the Indians are nice, gentlemenly and industrious- during our stay at Headquarters several hundred bushels of corn were delivered there by the Iowas their corn raising- for which Col. D. paid them 40¢ per bu- My old friend Curwen Murray, the official interpreter I saw frequently, the Pohee's &c- Rode horseback hunting & the Cimarron River 5 or 6 miles North and along its beautiful bottoms &c &c- Shot quail and turkey and grew fat and strong- Came out to railroad and home to get a clean wash and go at business again- I have written myself tired and Mary to bed and must let this tell the story as I shall probably not take the time to add

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Mr .....

any more to the tale—
I brought out old Medicine Horse's tomahawk, and it adorns our wall. Col S. said he himself would have given considerable for it for a relic— He, Col S. has one of the largest collection of Indian relics in the country—
I brought also a nice pair of leggins— fringed &c—
I shall try and get pretty well acquainted with the Indians there, if I ever go again and try and get some other things—
Please pass this about to the Oberlin Kids as I can't take time to duplicate it— Tell Mayo this is partly for him also—
I saw 80 head of steers yearlings, 2's & 3's, branded one day there— It is quite a sight— They drive from

the main pens into the smaller branding pen a dozen steers.

Throw a rope over ones horns or neck and take a turn round a snubbing post set in the ground. then rope a hind foot and turn round a post opposite. pull the steer out tight and long as possible. then a cow boy takes good hold of the tail and jerks right hard and down comes the steer with a grunt on his side. then they tighten up on the legs and twist over his neck and hold him down while the hot irons are passed in from the fire and the brand is put on.

Its rather fun to see one get mad and make for the boys of whom there are usually four in the pen. but usually they bellow and

Slavery in Jamaica.

and where many poor miserable boys become
useful and honorable citizens. It is not true, as
in our Countries, that every man must do
any fathers occupation and that is always
best for him, even if a man's son must be a
poor man as he is and all his children must
after him must be made uncomfortable -

But why should there be complaints against
inequality, since every man may attain
if he chooses -

While we talk about Aristocracy we should bear
in mind the meaning of the word. Aristocracy is derived
from two Greek words meaning the and
best. It is the rule of the or in a more refined
application simply the best - Aristocracy means
in Britain, in our Canadian accounts, is a
hereditary privilage it reaches back to the for-
mation of society. Legend, tradition, and
history exhibit it in the most ancient nations.
In looking back over many nations we find
that the Aristocracy had its origin with the roy-
al family, who in every case distinguished from
the common people by titles of honor and
were known as Lord, Duke, Baron, Count,
Knight, Marquis &c. This idea of Aristo-
cracy has descended to the latest ages and
exists even now in almost every country.
Even in our own country there are things
to indicate rank in society, mainly in that
depending the good, learned, rich, and in
short the best of the population. What was
have said comprises an Aristocracy - this
illustrates the power of the Aristocracy over

illustrates the power of [illegible] Aristocracy over

in office. I said that one can be better than others in many ways such as in birth, in talents, in riches, in learning, or in virtue. These are things which make a man better than his fellows. A man who was born of a good and noble family, the blood in whose veins comes to him from generations of good and honorable men, can well be proud of the name and will place himself above those who are not so born. Riches, virtue and learning are much to do with success of a man. A man may also have bad habits such as drinking to excess and swearing when a man sees a person indulging in these bad habits he does not like him. Especially if he sees them in the character of his friends. And if a man will of his own accord, with a will in all one end and a way to attain that end. One man will be proud when he gets a seat in the House of Commons, but he does not like the [illegible] as much as the man who

[illegible] and [illegible] of [illegible] to the [illegible] of his self. Circumstances can do it, and one [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] Graduation Class
Graduating Class
Miss [illegible]
[illegible]

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CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION.

I, R H Goodwin Clerk of the Village of Wellington Lorain County, Ohio, do hereby certify that on the first Monday of April, A. D. 1884, being the Seventh day of said month, at a regular election held in the Village of Wellington Lorain County, Ohio, for the election of officers of said Village Geo W. E. Metcalf was duly elected to the office of Councilman in said Village for the term of one Year

The said W E Metcalf so elected, is hereby notified to be and appear at the Mayors Office in said Village on the 16th day of April, 1884, at 10 o'clock, A M., and ~~give bond and~~ take the oath of Office, as required by law.

R H Goodwin, Clerk.

I hereby certify that I administered the oath of office to the above named W E Metcalf on the 15th day of April 1884

The Imperial Council
OF THE
ANCIENT ARABIC ORDER
OF THE
Nobles of the Mystic Shrine
FOR NORTH AMERICA

To all True and Faithful Nobles of the Mystic Shrine:

Know Ye that the Worthy Brother Wilder S. Metcalf,
who hath signed his Name in the margin hereof, was regularly Received, Admitted and Constituted a Noble of the Mystic Shrine in Abdallah *Temple of* Leavenworth *on the* 14th *day of* Nov. *1893 and that he is duly Enrolled as such upon the Records of the Order.*

In Testimony Whereof, We have hereunto subscribed our Names and affixed the Seal of The Imperial Council for North America.

ATTEST: Wm H Mayo
Imperial Recorder.

W B Melish
Imperial Potentate.

Noble Wilder S. Metcalf
is, at the date above written, a Member in good standing in this Temple.

ATTEST: D Byington
Recorder. [illegible] *Temple.*

And if any . . . shall demand protection of thee, grant him protection, that he may hear the word of the Prophet; and afterward give him a safe conduct, that he may return home again securely.
Koran IX.

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HEADQUARTERS KANSAS NATIONAL GUARD,
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,
TOPEKA, October 31, 1919.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 18. }

1. Brigadier General Wilder S. Metcalf, Kansas National Guard, having reached the age of retirement as prescribed by chapter 224, Session Laws of 1917, is hereby placed upon the retired list with the rank of Brigadier General, effective September 10, 1919. The record of Brigadier General Wilder S. Metcalf shows military service as follows:

UNITED STATES SERVICE

Major, 20th Kansas Volunteer Infantry	May	4,	1898.
Brevet Brigadier General, U. S. Volunteers	Mar.	29,	1899.
Colonel, 20th Kansas Volunteer Infantry	May	5,	"
Honorably mustered out, Volunteer Infantry	Oct.	28,	"
Colonel, 1st Kansas Infantry, National Guard	June	19,	1916.
Honorably mustered out, Infantry, National Guard	Oct.	31,	"
Colonel, 1st Kansas Infantry, National Guard	Aug.	5,	1917.
Brigadier General, National Army, to rank from	Aug.	5,	"
Commission dated	Aug.	22,	"
Honorably discharged	May	24,	1918.

STATE SERVICE.

Private, Co. G, 5th Ohio National Guard, Infantry	May	6,	1884.
First Sergeant, 5th Ohio National Guard, Infantry	May	6,	"
First Lieutenant, 5th Ohio National Guard, Infantry	July	17,	1885.
Honorably discharged, Ohio National Guard, Infantry			1886.
Private, Co. H, 1st Kansas Infantry, National Guard	Jan.	24,	1888.
Second Lieutenant, Kansas Infantry, National Guard	Jan.	25,	1889.
First Lieutenant, Kansas Infantry, National Guard	May	23,	"
Captain, Kansas Infantry, National Guard	July	1,	"
Major, Kansas Infantry, National Guard	Aug.	29,	1893.
Lieutenant Colonel, Kansas Infantry, National Guard	Jan.	1,	1896.
Colonel, Kansas Infantry, National Guard	April	6,	1897.
Honorably discharged, Kansas Infantry, National Guard,	Aug.	5,	1917.
Brigadier General, Kansas National Guard	Feb.	24,	1919.

By command of the Governor.

C. I. MARTIN,
The Adjutant General,
Chief of Staff.

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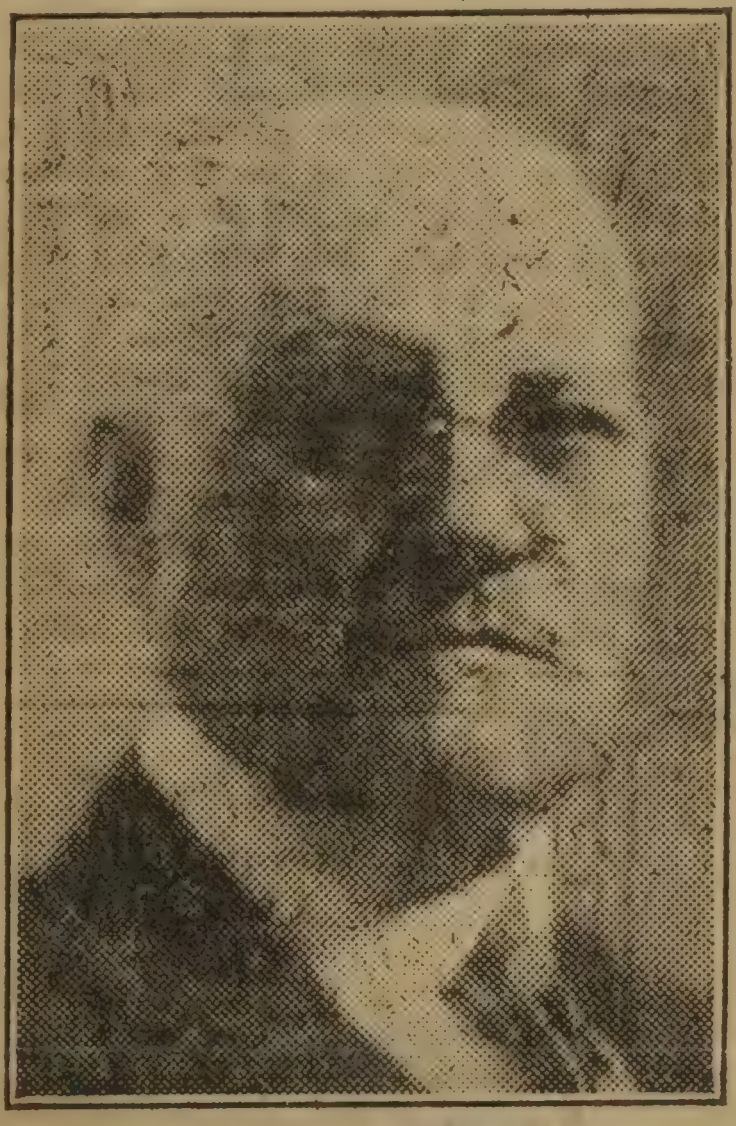
A BIG MAN IN LEGION



WILDER S. METCALF

General Metcalf was the third commander of the Kansas department, being elected at the Hutchinson convention in 1921. At the El Dorado convention in 1922 he was chosen to represent Kansas department on national executive committee. He has been chairman of the national finance committee under National Commanders Owsley and Quinn. At the San Francisco convention General Metcalf was a strong contender for national commander. He has been one of the real leaders of the Legion. His home is in Lawrence.

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Perry will be brought to [illegible] the funeral services and interment, while the body of Mrs. Bangs will be sent to Atchison, where interment will be made.

Cottonwood Falls, Kan., Sept. 1—(Special)—Chas, Jupp, old time resident of Elmdale, this county, died at Minneapolis, Minn., yesterday, according to messages received here by relatives and friends. He was born Aug. 22, 1843, in London, and emigrated to Canada with his parents when a year old. He came to Kansas about 1860 and this county had since been his home. Hs is survived by one sister who lives at Elmdale—Mrs. Rhoda A. Handy— and also leaves several sisters and brothers in Canada. Mr. Jupp never married. He went to Minne-

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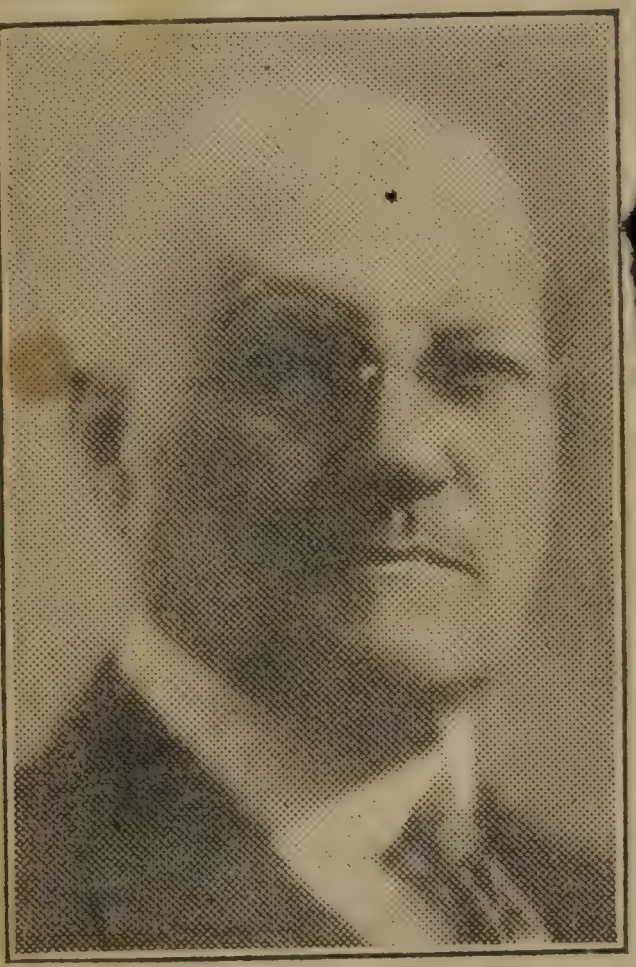

WILDER S. METCALF

KANSAN HEADS BUREAU

Wilder S. Metcalf Appointed U. S. Commissioner of Pensions.

Washington, March 14.—Wilder S. Metcalf, of Lawrence, Kan., was nominated today by President Coolidge as commissioner of the bureau of pensions.

He will succeed Washington Gardner, resigned. The nominee, a brigadier general in command of an infantry brigade at Camp Beauregard, La., during the world war, has conducted a farm loan business in Kansas and Oklahoma, and has served as federal pension agent at Topeka for eight years.

Metcalf, a native of Maine, began his military career as a private in the Ohio National guard and won the congressional medal for his services as a colonel in the Philippine insurrection. He also was an officer in the Spanish-American war.

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Taps Have Sounded for GENERAL WILDER S. METCALF

True Patriot and Gentleman

THE NATION lost one of its most devoted patriots, Kansas lost one of its most eminent citizens, the University lost one of its most loyal alumni when Wilder Stevens Metcalf died on Friday night February 1, and all who knew him and loved him—and what a multitude of such there are!—lost a friend for whom they shall go sorrowing all the rest of their lives.

Born in Maine, reared and educated in Ohio, Wilder Metcalf came to Kansas in 1887 and located at Lawrence which remained his home for the rest of his life. He engaged actively and successfully in business along the lines of mortgage loans, banking, and building and loan, finding time within the first ten years of his residence in Kansas to take the law course at the University. He never sought public office but three times in his life he had public office thrust upon him. He was appointed by Theodore Roosevelt state pension agent for Kansas, reappointed by Roosevelt and then again appointed by Calvin Coolidge, serving in all a period of 8½ years. Then, much against his wish and only upon the solicitation of President Coolidge, he was appointed Pension Commissioner at Washington, resigning six months later as soon as he could be spared. While he was on the Mexican border on military duty he was nominated and elected State Senator. But during all his office holding he remained in close touch with his business, and when the office holding was over he returned with eagerness to his business affairs, never relinquishing his control over them until his last illness forced him to the hospital.

But while Gen. Metcalf led a life of great business activity and served in important public stations, the passion of his life was for military service. As a boy he entered the Ohio national guard, and when he came to Kansas as a young man he promptly enlisted as a private with the Kansas troops. When the Spanish War came on he offered his services at once and was made one of the majors of the 20th Kansas, the regiment made famous by the gallant leadership of its Colonel, Frederick Funston, another son of K.U. Upon the promotion of Col. Funston, Metcalf succeeded him to the command of the regiment. Throughout the Philippine Insurrection he led the regiment with great gallantry and success, receiving two

Wilder S. Metcalf

wounds in action, and upon the close of the campaign being brevetted a Brigadier General by President McKinley and awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor—the greatest honor the Nation can bestow upon one of its soldiers.

Returning home he resumed his connection with the National Guard and served with it on the Mexican border in 1916. Upon the entrance of the United States into the World War, although beyond the age of military service, he asked to be assigned to duty. His request was granted, he was commissioned a Brigadier General and trained the 77th Infantry Brigade for foreign service. On account of his age he was honorably discharged May 25, 1918, and placed on the retired list.

But a bare recital of the offices he held and the services he rendered to his community and his country in peace and in war paints but a faint portrait of the man he was. More perfectly than any other one I ever knew Wilder Metcalf deserved that noble description, "An officer and a gentleman."

First of all he looked the part. One did not have to see Metcalf in uniform to know that he was a soldier. There was an erectness of carriage, even as he approached his 80th year, a grace and ease and dignity of bearing, and an expression of countenance that marked him and could not be mistaken. Here, one instinctively felt, is a man who has learned to control himself and who is accustomed to command others.

And as one recognized him for the soldier he always was, so also one recognized him for the gentleman he never failed to be. A college graduate, the son of cultivated and educated parents, associating always with men and women of intelligence and culture, he moved at ease in the highest social circles; while his endowment of kindliness and consideration and human understanding made friends for him among the humblest.

Perhaps it would be too much to say that Wilder S. Metcalf was a great man for he did not make a national or a world-wide reputation. But it is not too much to say that he was a great human being. He had intelligence of high order. He had supreme physical courage. He was a patriot of the first rank. He possessed all the social and civic virtues. He was loyal to his friends. He was devoted to his family. He was true to every obligation he ever assumed, in private or in public life. What more can be said? In what truer words can we sum up his life and take leave of him than with the familiar lines:

"He was a man, take him for all in all,
We shall not look upon his like again."

CHARLES F. SCOTT.

Represented In Kansas Magazine

The University of Kansas is prominently represented in the 1935 *Kansas Magazine* issued Jan. 29 by the Kansas State College press. John Gilchrist, '33, German exchange scholar now studying at the University of Hamburg in Germany, is author of an interesting series of word-sketches entitled, "Passage to Europe—Tourist Class." Helen Rhoda Hoopes, assistant professor of English, has contributed, "Chronicle of a New Sisyphus;" and one of eight full page reproductions of the work of outstanding Kansas artists is devoted to a photograph of a painting by Karl Mattern of the School of Fine Arts faculty. Several alumni and former students of the University are represented among other contributors.

Warner Is Exchange Professor

An exchange professorship has been arranged between Kansas and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology for next year. From Kansas will go R. W. Warner, e'18, g'28, professor of electrical engineering. From M.I.T. will come Prof. R. H. Frazier. The plan is a new one instituted by M.I.T. Choice of Kansas by that well known institution is considered by Dean Shaad a distinct honor

Track Stock Falls Temporarily

With loss of such shining stars as Cunningham, Coffman, and Hall, Coach Bill Hargiss has no hope of another track title this spring. A skid to the bottom of the conference heap would be no surprise. Remaining is Elwyn Dees, champion shotputter, Theno Graves, quarter mile and 220-yard man, Bob Schroeder, quarter miler and Gordon Gray, pole vaulter. A new Cunningham named Coulter, not a relative of Glenn, seems to show some promise in the half-mile.

In the Kansas City Athletic Club meet Mar. 2 the Kansas mile relay team ran second to Oklahoma and several ex-Jayhawkers won. Among them Glenn Cunningham ran a special 1,000-yard race against Elton Brown and Glen Dawson as the feature of the evening, winning but making no record.

TRACK

Mar. 8-9 Big Six Indoor. Columbia.
Mar. 15 Tulsa. Okla. A.A.U. Indoor meet.*
Mar. 23 Butler Relays. Indianapolis. Ind.*
Mar. 30 Texas Relays at Austin. Texas.
April 20 Kansas Relays at Lawrence.
Apr. 27 Drake Relays at Des Moines. Iowa.
May 4 Kansas vs. Kansas State. dual. at Manhattan.
May 11 Kansas vs. Missouri. dual. at Lawrence.
May 17-18 Big Six Meet at Lincoln. Neb.
June 21-22 National Collegiate Track and Field meet at Los Angeles. Calif.

TENNIS

Apr. 12 Kansas vs. Nebraska at Lawrence.*
May 16 Kansas vs. Nebraska at Lincoln.*
May 17-18 Big Six Meet at Lincoln.

WRESTLING

Jan. 17 Kansas (9 1-2). Kansas State (18 1-2). Lawrence.
Feb. 2 Kansas (23). Nebraska (11). Lincoln.
Feb. 15 Kansas (22 1-2). Nebraska (7 1-2). Lawrence.
Feb. 22 Kansas (15). Missouri (19) at Columbia.
Feb. 28. Kansas (7 1-2). Kansas State (18 1-2). at Manhattan.
Mar. 8-9. Big Six Meet at Ames. Iowa.

SWIMMING

Feb. 12 Kansas (35). K. State (48). Manhattan.
Feb. 16 Kansas (48). Washburn (35) Lawrence.
Feb. 23 Kansas (38). K. State (45) Lawrence.
Mar. 1 Kansas (44). Washburn (40). Topeka.
Mar. 8-9 Big Six Meet at Ames. Iowa.
*Tentative.

Swimming In Vogue

Swimming has had a good play this year. The University team had a schedule of five meets including the Big Six meet at Ames, Iowa. Kansas defeated Washburn twice and was defeated by Kansas State twice. Kansas has no divers and is thus handicapped. Prominent on the squad are two sons of well known alumni: David Tripp, '36, son of Senator Ray G. Tripp, e'09, and Clyde Nichols Jr., '36, son of J. C. Nichols, '02, of Kansas City.

Intramural contests in swimming have been active also.

Wrestlers Triumphant

The University of Kansas team has actually won two of its meets this year, an unusual trend of affairs. Nebraska was the victim. Tiny Moore of football fame and George Noland, captain of the team, were best on the Kansas team. Moore turned out to be conference heavyweight champion.

Where They Are Now

Ted O'Leary, '32, reporter on the Kansas City *Star*, is the author of a recent series of articles distributed by the Associated Press on the success of Dr. F. C. Allen's basketball coaching. Ted believes that the Kansas coach's long domination in the field comes from his strong emphasis on fundamentals, and his variation of technique to meet changing styles of play but not on inspirational coaching. O'Leary does not think psychological manipulation of players so important as sound training in ball passing, pivoting and goal shooting.

Eddie Halpin Now a Court Official

Famous referee E. C. Quigley, when called on at the Topeka alumni meeting Feb. 5 for some remarks, told the following story: When Paul Harrington, '34, was a sophomore Quig thought to get him started right, so called a foul on him early in his first game for use of hands. As is his usual custom, Mr. Quigley spoke to Paul, as the two came near each other, saying carefully, "Do you understand me?" There was no answer. Soon another foul was called on Paul. Again the referee said, "Do you understand me?" Harrington paid no attention. After the third foul and Quig's third "Do you understand me?" Paul retorted, "No, but I'm getting used to you."

Harrington Got Used to Quigley

O'Leary Dislikes Inspirational Coaching

Competition between two Denver A.A.U. basketball teams became so fierce this year that Colorado officials were unable to referee their games satisfactorily. They sent to Kansas City and got John Wulf, '24, and Ed. Halpin, '26, to preside. Those two former Kansas athletes handled the game rather magnificently and drew much hearty comment from Denver sport critics. John is vice president of the Wright Laboratories in Kansas City. Eddie is coach of junior college sports at Rockhurst College in Kansas City.

Exchange Scholar

Herbert Mueller of Rostock, Germany, 24 years old, is the German exchange student at the University this year. A native of Schwerein, Mecklenburg, Germany, where he received his preliminary schooling, he has also attended the Universities of Muechen, Berlin, Koenigsberg, and Rostock. He has a particular interest in law, sociology, and transportation. John W. Gilchrist, '33, will spend the year in Germany, He was one of the editors of the *Gale*, quarterly literary magazine, and a winner of one of the Hattie Elizabeth Lewis essay prizes. His major is English.

Remember When?

—what is now 14th St. was the old Adams Boulevard?

—a petition was sent to the Governor signed by Agnes Emery, William B. Brownell, Charles Finch, Frank Hart Olney, Alice P. Sears, and Kate Stephens asking that a woman be placed on the Board of Regents?

—the street cars were first put into use, back in '84?

—the alumni in 1908-09 were trying to raise money for an Alumni building?

—the effort was made in '08 to limit social engagements to Friday, Saturday, and Sunday nights, by the women of the University?

—Upton Sinclair visited the University in '09?

—Henry H. Asher, l'05, was married to Frances Brockway of Wellsville June 31, 1908?

—Professor Cady was put in charge of the weather observations formerly under the supervision of Dr. Snow?

—George O. Foster, '01, was editor of the University *News Bulletin*, a publication which furnished newspapers of the State much interesting and valuable matter regarding the University?

—Mabel McLaughlin, '04, was married Aug. 30, '06, to William Beck?

—E. B. Black, e'06, accepted a position as civil engineer for the A.T. & S.F. railroad?

—William Allen White became one of the editors of the *American Magazine?*

—Hugh Mean's, l'95, was elected probate judge of Douglas County?

—Irving Hill, '96, was appointed postmaster of Lawrence in '07?

Missed Several Things

Drew McLaughlin has a daughter, Emily Jane, a graduate of K.U., married, and the writer of an interesting column in the *Miami Republican*. In this column recently Emily Jane said she has never attended the state fair at Topeka; she has never seen a horse race, nor a mountain; never has seen western Kansas, a table spread for threshers, anyone shucking corn, a minstrel show, a bathing beauty contest, a prize fight, an opera, a real lake, a sail boat, a prairie dog, canned friend chicken, a radio broadcasting station or triplets.—And yet Drew McLaughlin used to claim he was giving Emily Jane a good education!—*Topeka Daily Capital*.

METCALF, HERO OF 20TH KANSAS REGIMENT, DIES

Decorated for Bravery Under Fire, Twice Wounded, and Promoted by Vote of His Men.

ALSO LEADER IN CIVIL LIFE

Former State Senator, Former President Liberty Life Insurance Co., Banker And Lawyer.

Lawrence, Kan., Feb. 2.—(Special)—Funeral services for Brig. Gen. Wilder S. Metcalf, who died

BRIG. GEN. WILDER S. METCALF

Saturday, will be conducted at the Plymouth Congregational church here Monday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

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General Metcalf, who was twice wounded while serving as right hand man to Col. Frederick Funston in the Philippines, trained an infantry brigade at Camp Beauregard in Louisiana after the World war broke out but when his command sailed for France he was honorably discharged because of his advanced age. Decorated for his bravery under fire in the Philippines, he proved his popularity with his men, they chose him commander in preference to the lieutenant-colonel and the senior major.

The development also proved the high regard held for him by Funston who, elevated to brigadier general, refused to recommend a subordinate for colonel, knowing that an election would redound to the benefit of Metcalf.

The "Strong Right Arm."

Maj. Gen. Arthur MacArthur referred to Metcalf as "the strong right arm of Colonel Funston in all of his operations."

A native of Milo, Me., a graduate of Oberlin, O., college and of the school of law of the University of Kansas, General Metcalf went to the Philippines as a major in the 20th Kansas volunteer infantry. For his work he was breveted brigadier general of volunteers by President McKinley and decorated with the congressional medal.

In 1902, he was appointed United States pension agent by Theodore Roosevelt, reappointed in 1904 and was renamed by President Coolidge in 1925. He served as marshal of the third brigade of the third division in the parade in Washington at the inauguration of William McKinley. He had served as delegate at large to the Republican national convention which nominated McKinley for president.

A Legion Organizer.

General Metcalf aided in organizing the Kansas American Legion and once served as its commander. He filled a term as chairman of the Legion's national finance committee. He served as state senator from Douglas and Jefferson counties for one term and was president of the Lawrence school board for 10 years.

His first wife, Miss Mary Eliza Crosier, died in 1914 and two years later he married Mrs. Alice L. Bullene, of Lawrence.

Leader in Many Lines.

The general's life in detail:

Wilder Stevens Metcalf was graduated from the Elyria, Ohio, high school in 1872 and in 1878 he received a bachelor of arts degree from Oberlin college. In 1897 he was awarded his bachelor of laws degree from the University of Kansas. He was a practicing lawyer and dealer in farm mortgages; past president and a director of the Liberty Life Insurance Co., president of the Douglas County Building & Loan association, past vice president of the Lawrence National bank and a director. As a Republican he served as state senator from 1916 until 1920 and from 1902 until 1910 was pension agent at Topeka. He was pension commissioner at Washington, D. C. in 1925 and resigned.

He was married July 30, 1878 at Wellington, O., to Mary Eliza Crosier, who died September 8, 1914. His second marriage was to Alice Lancaster Browne on January 8, 1916.

Commanded the Legion.

General Metcalf served as a private, first sergeant and first lieutenant in the Fifth Ohio National Guard infantry, and rose from the rank of private to brigadier general in the Kansas National Guard. He was major and colonel of the Twentieth Kansas infantry in the Philippine Islands in the Spanish-American war in 1898 and 1899. He was breveted brigadier general of volunteers by President William McKinley and was a member of the national militia board eight years by appointment of the secretary of war. He served on the Mexican border in 1916 and later he erved in the World war. He was chairman of the national finance committee of the American Legion and was department commander in 1922. He was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Miltiary Order of Foreign Wars, the Military Order of the World War, United Spanish War Veterans, Arms of the Philippines, and the Military Order of the Carabao. Geseral Metcalf received the congressional medal of service in the Philippines and the medal of the purple heart.

A Congregationalist.

He was a member of the Rotary club, the Chamber of Commerce, the Red Cross, Kansas State Historical society, and the Plymouth Congregational church of Lawrence, the University club of Lawrence, and Washington, D. C., and the Army and Navy club of Washington.

Two step-daughters, Mrs. Chester Woodward of Topeka and Miss Madge Bullene of Lawrence; and eight brothers survive General Metcalf. The brothers are John M. P. Metcalf, Washington; J. M. Metcalf, St. Louis; Elias W. Metcalf, Webster Groves, Mo.; Isaac S. Metcalf, successor to Alonzo Stagg at the University of Chicago; Paul Metcalf and Henry M. Metcalf of Ohio. He also survived by a sister, Miss Antoinette P. Metcalf, of Wellesley, Mass.

NY Times
Feb. 3, 1935

GEN. W. S. METCALF DIES IN 80TH YEAR

Hero of Philippine Campaigns and Infantry Instructor in World War.

LONG IN NATIONAL GUARD

Won Congressional Medal—Aided in Organizing American Legion in Kansas.

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General Metcalf served in the militia of Ohio and Kansas, rising from private to lieutenant in Ohio, from private to brigadier general in Kansas. Commissioned a colonel soon after the United States entered the World War, he was made a brigadier general three weeks later. He was former member of the National Militia Board and for three months of 1925 was Commissioner of Pensions. From 1915 to 1919 he was a State Senator in Kansas.

He was president of the Douglas County Building and Loan Association, chairman of the board of the Federal Home Loan Bank for his district, a director of the Liberty Life Insurance Company of Topeka, and of the Lawrence National Bank.

In 1878 General Metcalf married Mary Eliza Crozier of Wellington, Ohio, who died in 1914. In 1916 he married Alice L. Bullene of Lawrence, Kan.

MILITARY FUNERAL HELD FOR METCALF

Friends in Civil and Military Life Attended Rites Today

AT PLYMOUTH CHURCH

The funeral of Brigadier General Wilder S. Metcalf, who died Friday night at the Veterans hospital in Leavenworth, was held at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon from Plymouth Congregational church, of which he had been a member during his long residence in Lawrence.

Rev. Joseph King, pastor, conducted the services at the church. The American Legion had charge of the services at the grave in Oak Hill cemetery, where military honors were accorded. Troop I, 114th Cavalry, fired the salute. Capt. Faustino Domingo, for many years chief trumpeter of the First Kansas Infantry which General Metcalf commanded, sounded "taps."

Captain Domingo used the same bugle with which he transmitted the orders of Colonel Metcalf to the First Kansas Infantry in training camps and on the Mexican border. He said it was his intention now to present the bugle to the Kansas State Historical society.

Guard Units Attend

Lawrence National Guard units attended the services in a body, marching from the armory. Veterans associations also attended in a body.

Many persons with whom General Metcalf had been associated in civil and military affairs came to Lawrence today to attend the funeral.

Among the officials of the American Legion who were present were Frank E. Samuel, of Indianapolis, national adjutant; Gen. James A. Drain, of Indianapolis, national judge advocate and treasurer and former national commander; Sam W. Reynolds of Omaha, who succeeded General Metcalf as chairman of the Legion national finance committee; Ralph T. O'Neil of Topeka, former national commander; Harrison Glidden of Osborne, Kansas department commander; Frank Sullivan of Lawrence, former state commander and other former and present state officers of the Legion were present.

Among Former Associates

Former military associates present, who campaigned with General Metcalf in the Philippines, were Gen. Charles I. Martin, governor of the National Military Home at Leavenworth and Major Albert K. Krause of St. Joseph, Mo.

Among the state official attending the funeral services were Governor Alf M. Landon, Justices William A. Smith and Walter Thiele, of the state supreme court, and Attorney General Clarence Beck.

The following message of sympathy was received today by Miss Marguerite Bullene today from Frank N. Belgrano, jr., national commander of the American Legion:

"Am shocked and grieved to learn of the passing of my dear friend, General Metcalf, and want you to know that his family and friends have my deepest and most heartfelt sympathy. In his passing our nation has lost a gallant soldier, a splendid citizen and a true American patriot.

"We of the Legion have lost one of our most devoted members and one who has given his best in a most trying official position from the organization of the Legion down to the time he was stricken with his last illness. Because of my long association with him I have grown to admire and respect and love him. In death I salute him.

"It is a matter of the keenest regret that time and distance make it impossible for me to personally attend the funeral and burial ceremonies. I shall be represented personally and officially by Frank Samuel, our national adjutant, and by other members of our national organization, all of whom are long time friends and ardent admirers of our departed comrade."

Lawrence Daily Journal-World, Feb. 4, 1935

VETERANS AT RITES

Lawrence Daily Journal-World

Many Twentieth Kansas Men Gathered From Over State for Metcalf Funeral

Feb. 5, 1935

LEGION OFFICIALS HERE

The impressive funeral of Gen. Wilder S. Metcalf, which was held from the Plymouth Congregational church yesterday afternoon, was notable for the number of veterans of the Twentieth Kansas Infantry, which General Metcalf commanded in the Philippines, who were present at the funeral of their comrade and commander.

The regiment, which had a strength of slightly more than 1,200 men at the opening of the Philippine campaign, has been reduced by the casualties of war and losses by death in civil life since that time to a present strength of about 650. More than 100 former members of the regiment were present at the funeral.

Impressive also was the attendance of state officials and of American Legion officials. Among the latter were Brig. Gen. James A. Drain, of Indianapolis and Ralph T. O'Neil of Toepka, past national commanders, Frank Samuel, national adjutant, and Harrison Glidden of Osborne, state commander, and Past State Commanders Frank McFarland of Topeka, Harry Colmery of Topeka, Frank Haucke of Council Grove, Donald Stewart of Independence, Thomas Amory Lee of Topeka and Frank Sullivan of Lawrence.

Among those present at the services, including many of the Twentieth Kansas members from out of town were W. B. Trembley of Kansas City, Floyd Flynn, Council Grove, Sidney Urbansky, St. Marys, Frank Gilleco, Topeka, Ruel Durke, Paola, Lillard Johnson and Fred Beckley, Osawatomie, Earl Todd, Independence, E. T. Simmons, Fort Dodge, W. A. Simmons, Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Conner of Dodge City, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Simmons of Dodge City, Randolph Williamson, Topeka, Gen. Charles I. Martin, Leavenworth, Frank Crawley, Garnett, Charles Ott and Harry Wood, Ottawa, Major Frank E. Butler, Yates Center, H. M. Grant and Jud Pollock, Baldwin, C. C. Green, Yates Center, Kirke Mechem, Topeka, John O. Morris, Mound City, John Pellegrino, Pleasanton, Robert Lewis, Independence, Cyrus Ricketts, Paola, Ira Bryan, Osawatomie, Homer Limbird, Olathe, Simpson Taylor, Baldwin, Durwood E. Quakenbush, Oskaloosa, J. L. Stryker, Fredonia, Arthur Snyder, Fort Scott, Major A. H. Krause, St. Joseph, C. E. Steele, Ottawa, Frank Oswald and Palmer Coe, Kansas City, Jerry Springstead and Harry W. Brent, Topeka, Col. C. S. Flanders, Paola, Gus Gallup, Topeka, W. J. F. Bernardo, Herington, A. B. Conley, Leavenworth, Sherman Heydt, Wichita, John B. Carpenter, Wichita, Percy Barshfield, Kansas City, J. E. Chastain, Iola, L. E. Coffield and H. J. Robinson, Yates Center, Seth A. Hammel, Topeka, Fred Hecker, Kansas City, E. L. Moore, Leroy, and Ed Barrett, Topeka.

The national American Legion colors, sent in charge of national officers, the state department colors sent from Topeka and the colors of Dorsey-Liberty post, with crepe streamers affixed at the top of the staffs, and the colors of the United Spanish War Veterans and the Veterans of Foreign Wars were massed outside the entrance of the church as the casket was borne out at the conclusion of the services.

ASKS FLOOD CONTROL AID

Winfield Mayor Before Rivers and Harbors Projects Committee

HOLD METCALF RITES

Many Notables at Bier of Army Officer.

From The Journal-Post Lawrence Bureau.

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The burial salute was to be fired by members of troop, 114th cavalry, Haskell Indian unit, and taps were to be sounded by Capt. Faustino Domingo of the Kansas National guards, a Filipino who served as chief bugler for the 1st Kansas infantry, K. N. G., when General Metcalf served the unit as colonel.

GENERAL METCALF.

General Wilder S, Metcalf, who died Friday night, was one of the most distinguished of Kansas soldiers. He was a private citizen who was greatly interested in military affairs and the war in the Philippines, to which he had gone as a major in the Twentieth Kansas, gave him Kansas fame as a soldier of that war second only to that of Frederick Funston, the colonel of the Twentieth until his promotion to brigadier general. The officers of the Twentieth almost unanimously chose Metcalf as colonel of the regiment. He continued his active interest in military affairs through national guard affairs and when the United States entered the World War, he was made in quick succession a colonel in the regular army and a brigadier general and as such he trained troops for service in France. His advanced years denied him the privilege of going overseas himself.

In civil life, General Metcalf had high rank in his home city of Lawrence. He served Kansas as a state senator. In various other ways he filled his place as a citizen. In his passing, Kansas loses a man who was eminent as a soldier, a public official and a private citizen.

Funeral Services Set For Noted Army Officer

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Ninian Beall.

TAPS FOR GEN. METCALF

Battered Bugle Sounds Call at Army Officer's Funeral.

LAWRENCE, Kans., February 5 (AP). Taps was blown at the funeral of Brig. Gen. Wilder S. Metcalf yesterday on the battered bugle used in Metcalf's Mexican border campaigns.

Capt. Faustino Domingo of Topeka, for many years chief trumpeter of the 1st Kansas Infantry, which Metcalf commanded, sounded the call. The bugle will be presented to the State Historical Society.

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NEW YORK AMERICAN—A Paper for People Who

General Metcalf, Of Kansas, Dies

BRIG. GEN. W. S. METCALF

The gayety of the Carabao Wallow was lessened by the recent death of Brig. Gen. Wilder S. Metcalf, who commanded the Twentieth Kansas Infantry in the Philippine Insurrection after the promotion of its first colonel, Frederick Funston, to be brigadier general.

As officer of this regiment, which prior to President McKinley's call for volunteers in 1898, was the First Infantry, Kansas, N. G., General Metcalf's military service was continuous until retired for age in 1898, when the commanding general of the Seventy-seventh Infantry Brigade.

In the Philippine Insurrection he was wounded twice. Then, on the border in 1916, Brig. Gen. Wilder S. Metcalf always endeared himself to his comrades-in-arms by his cheerfulness under hardship, and his gallantry under fire.

Washington Post

GEN. METCALF, OLD PHILIPPINE FIGHTER, DIES

Twice Wounded, Won Congress Medal; Meets End in Kansas Veterans' Hospital

LEAVENWORTH, Kans., Feb. 2 (AP).—Brig. Gen. Wilder S. Metcalf, 79, died in the Veterans' Hospital here last night after an illness of several weeks.

General Metcalf entered the Army through the National Guard and was Colonel of the 20th Kansas Volunteers in the Philippines campaign.

Twice wounded in that war, Gen. Metcalf was breveted a brigadier-general by President McKinley for "gallant and meritorious services," and was given the Congressional medal.

Age Barred Sailing

When the United States entered the World War he was commissioned a colonel in the regular army and three weeks later was promoted to Brigadier General.

He was honorably discharged because of his advanced age in 1918 as the infantry brigade he had trained at Camp Beauregard, La., sailed for France.

Gen. Metcalf was born in Milo, Me., his boyhood was spent in Ohio. In 1887 he went to Lawrence, Kas., where he engaged in the farm mortgage business for many years.

Iola Daily Register, Feb 2, 1935

WILDER S. METCALF.

Kansas lost one of its most eminent citizens when Wilder Stevens Metcalf died last Saturday, and all who knew him and loved him—and what a multitude of such there are!—lost a friend for whom they shall go sorrowing all the rest of their lives.

Gen. Metcalf came to Kansas from Ohio in 1887 and located at Lawrence which remained his home for the rest of his life. He engaged successfully in business along the line of mortgage loans, building and loan and banking. For 8½ years he was U. S. Pension Agent at Topeka, and later he was United States Pension Commissioner at Washington for a few months at the earnest solicitation of President Coolidge, resigning as soon as he could be spared.

While Gen. Metcalf led a life of great business activity and served in important public stations, the passion of his life was for military service. As a boy he entered the Ohio national guard, and when he came to Kansas as a young man he promptly enlisted in the same service. When the Spanish war came on he promptly offered his services and was made one of the majors of the 20th Kansas regiment, the famous regiment commanded by Col. Frederick Funston. When Col. Funston was promoted Major Metcalf was made colonel of the regiment and commanded it during the remainder of its terms of service. Although 62 years of age when the United States entered the World war he tendered his services at once and after three weeks with the rank of Colonel he was made Brigadier General, in which capacity he trained the 77th Infantry Brigade for foreign service. On account of advanced age he was not permitted to serve with his brigade but was honorably discharged. It ought to have been mentioned that during his service in the Spanish war he was twice wounded and at the close of the Philippine insurrection he was awarded the Congressional medal for distinguished bravery.

If ever there was a man who deserved that noble description, "A soldier and a gentleman," it was Wilder S. Metcalf. He looked the part. One did not have to see Metcalf in uniform to kniw that he was a soldier. There was an erectness of carriage, even as he approached his 80th year, a grace and ease and dignity of bearing, and an expression of countenance that marked him and could not be mistaken. Here, one instinctively felt, is a man who has learned to control himself and who is accustomed to command others.

And as one recognized him for the soldier he always was, so also one recognized him for the gentleman he never failed to be. A college graduate, the son of cultivated and educated parents, associating always with men and women of intelligence and culture, he moved at ease in the highest social circles; while his endowment of kindliness and consideration and human understanding made friends for him among the humblest.

Perhaps it would be too much to say that Wilder S. Metcalf was a great man for he did not make a national or a world-wide reputation in any line of study or endeavor. But it is not too much to say that he was a great human being. He had intelligence of high order. He had supreme physical courage. He was a patriot of the first rank. He possessed all the social and civic virtues. He was loyal to his friends. He was devoted to his family. He was true to every obligation he ever assumed, in private or in public life. What more can be said? In what truer words can we sum up his life and take leave of him than with the familiar lines:

"He was a man, take him for all
in all
We shall not look upon his like
again."

LEADER IN WAR, POLITICS, BUSINESS.

Brig. Gen. Wilder S. Metcalf, ex-chief of the Kansas national guard, who died last night in the Veterans' hospital at Leavenworth, Kas. His varied career includes work as insurance and bank executive, a term as a state senator in Kansas, pension commissioner, heroic action in the Philippine campaign and service as commander of an infantry brigade in the World War.

GENERAL METCALF DIES

CAREER OF SOLDIER AND BUSINESS MAN ENDS AT 79.

Military Record Extends From Heroic Service in Philippine Campaign to Leadership of Kansas National Guard.

(By The Star's Own Service.)

LEAVENWORTH, Kas., Feb. 2.—Brig. Gen. Wilder S. Metcalf, 79 years old, died in the Veterans' hospital here last night after an illness of several weeks.

In war, in peace and in public life, Brig. Gen. Wilder Stevens Metcalf was a leader of men.

He was a hero of the Philippine campaign; a brigade commander in the World War; head of several financial institutions; at one time state senator and later chief of the United States pension bureau, and head of the Kansas national guard until his retirement from active service.

A NATIVE OF MAINE.

The officer was born September 10, 1855, in Milo, Me., the son of Isaac Stevens Metcalf and Anna Mayo Stevens Rich. He was taken to Deerborton, N. H., the same year, and the next year was taken to Elyria, O., where he attended the public schools. In 1872 he was graduated from the high school there and then worked in a flour mill for two years.

In 1878 he was graduated from Oberlin college, and July 30 of the same year he married Mary Eliza Crozier of Wellington, O. He became an employee of G. W. Crozier & Co., operator of a cheese factory. He retained that position from 1878 to 1887 and then moved to Lawrence, Kas., where he became a member of the firm of Russell & Metcalf, a farm mortgage company. Some years later Mr. Russell retired and Mr. Metcalf took over the firm.

Ten years after his arrival in Lawrence Mr. Metcalf was graduated from the school of law of the University of Kansas. At the time of the Philippine campaign he was major of the 20th Kansas volunteers. During the campaign, as a result of the promotion of Col. Frederick Funston, he was made colonel by the election of the officers then serving under Funston.

THE ACTION OF FUNSTON.

Funston was promoted to brigadier and a meeting of the twenty-eight line officers with the regiment was called to elect a man to command the regiment. The appointment, however, rested with Governor Stanley of Kansas, but it was believed he would be influenced by Colonel Funston's recommendation. Instead of accepting this power directly, Funston called the meeting of the officers.

Twice wounded in the battles of the Philippines, Metcalf was breveted brigadier general by President McKinley for gallant and meritorious service. He was also decorated with the congressional medal for bravery. All these stirring events had taken place in his life before the year 1899.

On his return to Kansas in 1902, he was appointed United States pension agent at Topeka by Theodore Roosevelt, reappointed in 1904 and renamed by Calvin Coolidge in 1925. In 1901 he was appointed to serve as marshal of the third brigade of the third division in the parade in Washington at the inauguration of William McKinley as President and Theodore Roosevelt as vice-president.

IN THE WORLD WAR.

Shortly after the United States entered the World War, the hero of the Philippines was commissioned brigadier general. He trained an infantry brigade at Camp Beauregard, near Alexandria, La., for service in France, but when his command sailed in the spring of 1918 he was honorably discharged from the army because of advanced age.

His first wife died in 1914. In 1916 he married Alice L. Bullene of Lawrence, Kas.

General Metcalf was delegate at large in the Republican national convention at Philadelphia in 1900 when McKinley and Roosevelt were nominated to head the ticket. He was nominated to the Kansas state senate as senator from the fifth district in 1916. Although he was on the Mexican border at the time, he was elected in November of that year.

He served as a member of the school board of Lawrence for eighteen years and for several years was president. He was a member of the Military Order of Foreign Wars, Army of the Philippines, of the United Spanish War Veterans, the Military Order of Carabao. He also belonged to the Army and Navy Club of Washington and was a member of the University Club of Kansas City, the Topeka Club, the Phi Gamma Delta, the Phi Delta Phi, and a Knight Templar and a noble of the Mystic Shrine.

TO TOPEKA BANK POST.

The latest honor he received was that of chairman of the board of directors of the Home Loan Bank of Topeka. He was a life member of the Kansas State Historical Society, a member of the National Rifle Association of America and a member of the military order of Purple Heart.

The only event to mar General Metcalf's life occurred in 1902, when he was accused of shooting two Filipinos while they were pleading for mercy at the battle of Calacau. The charges against him were false, however, and he was exonerated. The investigation of the charges was made by a senate committee.

General Metcalf leaves eight brothers living. They are John M. P. Metcalf, Washington, J. M. Metcalf, St. Louis; E. W. Metcalf, Webster Groves, Mo.; I. S. Metcalf, Cleveland, Ohio; Keyes D. Metcalf, New York City; Thomas Nelson Metcalf, successor to Alonzo Stagg at the University of Chicago; Paul M. Metcalf and Henry M. Metcalf of Ohio. He also is survived by a sister, Antoinette P. Metcalf, Wellesley, Mass., and two stepdaughters, Mrs. Chester Woodward, Topeka, and Miss Madge Bullene of Lawrence.

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GEN. W. S. METCALF DIES IN HOSPITAL

Noted Soldier and Citizen Had Long Service in Peace and War

IN MANY ACTIVITIES

Brigadier General Wilder S. Metcalf, prominent as soldier and citizen during the 47 years of his residence in Lawrence, died in the Veterans hospital at Leavenworth at 10:30 o'clock last night after an illness of several weeks. He was 79 years old.

General Metcalf was taken to Lawrence Memorial hospital when he first became seriously ill and later was taken to the Veterans hospital.

Funeral services will be held from Plymouth Congregational church at 2:30 o'clock Monday afternoon. Rev. Joseph King will conduct the services. Burial will be in Oak Hill cemetery.

Commanded Twentieth Kansas

General Metcalf first attained note as a soldier during the Philippine insurrection in 1899. He first commanded a battalion of the Twentieth Kansas Volunteer Infantry as major and later succeeded to the command of the regiment when Colonel Frederick Funston, who took the regiment to the islands, was promoted to brigadier general. He was a brigade commander in the World war.

Twice wounded during the Philippine campaign, Metcalf was brevetted a brigadier general by President McKinley for "gallant and meritorious services."

Trained Brigade for France

When the United States entered the World war the hero of the Philippines was colonel of the First Infantry, Kansas National Guard. He was soon promoted to brigadier general. He was honorably discharged because of his advanced age in 1918 as the infantry brigade he had trained at Camp Beauregard, La., sailed for France.

Two stepdaughters, Mrs. Chester Woodward, of Topeka, and Miss Madge Bullene of Lawrence; and seven brothers and a sister survive Gen. Metcalf. The brothers are John M. P. Metcalf, Washington; J. M. Metcalf, St. Louis; Eliab W. Metcalf, Webster Groves, Mo.; Isaac S. Metcalf, Cleveland; Thomas Nelson, successor to Alonzo Stagg at the University of Chicago; Paul M. Metcalf and Henry M. Metcalf of Ohio. The sister is Miss Antoinette P. Metcalf, of Wellesley, Mass.

To Lawrence in 1887

Wilder Stevens Metcalf was born September 10, 1855, at Milo, Me., the son of a civil engineer. He grew to manhood in Ohio. He was graduated from Oberlin college at Oberlin, O., in 1878 with the degree of bachelor of arts. Until he was 32 years old, he was associated with the cheese and butter manufacturing firm at Wellington, O. He came to Kansas in 1887, and entered the farm mortgage business at Lawrence.

SERVED IN TWO WARS

GEN. WILDER S. METCALF

Who died in the Veterans hospital last night after an extended illness.

A knowledge of law appeared to him an important asset in business. So he entered the University of Kansas law school, graduating in 1897, meanwhile continuing to lend money to farmers for eastern insurance companies. He was engaged in many financial and civic as well as military enterprises. He was president and one of the organizers of the Liberty Life Insurance company and served as vice-president of the Lawrence National bank.

Held Federal Positions

President Roosevelt appointed General Metcalf United States pension agent in 1902. From the pension office in Topeka, the Lawrence banker distributed $150,000,000 during eight and one-half years among former soldiers in Kansas, Oklahoma, Missouri, Colorado and New Mexico. His efficiency in that work was well remembered in Washington a quarter of a century afterward, when President Coolidge selected him for pension commissioner. General Metcalf had not solicited this office, and consented to serve as head of the government bureau only until the president found another man competent for the post.

His state and city as well as the nation received the services of the soldier and financier. He was state senator from Douglas and Jefferson counties for one term, and president of the Lawrence school board for ten years. He was a delegate to the Republican national convention which nominated President McKinley in 1900 and chief door keeper at the convention which nominated President Coolidge in 1924.

General Metcalf married Miss Mary Eliza Crosier of Ohio, July 30, 1878. She died September 8, 1914. He married the late Mrs. Alice L. Bullene of Lawrence January 8, 1916.

He was a Congregationalist, a Mason and a member of the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity.

Long Military Record

General Metcalf was admired by his military superiors as well as his subordinates. Maj. Gen. Arthur MacArthur, commander of the division in the Philippines, referred to him as "the strong right arm of Colonel Funston in all operations." A favorite with regular army officers as well as citizen soldiers, General Metcalf had a wide acquaintance in army circles.

General Metcalf entered the army thru the National Guard, first entering military service as a private in Company G, Fifth Ohio Infantry in 1884. He was made a first lieutenant in 1885. In 1888 he enlisted as a private in Company H, First Kansas Infantry, was promoted thru the grades of second and first lieutenant and made captain of the company in 1889. He was promot-

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DEFENSE OFFERS HAZY TESTIMONY

Linking of Names of Fisch and Sharpe in Kidnap Trial Is Vague

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Flemington, N. J., Feb. 2.—The shadowy figures of Violet Sharpe and Isador Fisch, long since dead, were projected once more in uncertain outline against the background of Bruno Richard Hauptmann's defense today in his trial for the murder of the Lindbergh baby.

Into what part of the kidnaping puzzle the defense planned to place them was not explained as a weekend recess cut short the trial until Monday.

Previously, the state exonerated Violet Sharpe, the maid in the Morrow home who committed suicide when the investigation was at its height. Chief Defense Counsel Edward J. Reilly earlier declared he would not attempt to link Fisch, Hauptmann's former business partner, with the actual kidnaping.

But thru a surprise witness, the defense yesterday adduced testimony vaguely linking to the crime the Morrow maid, and the German fur dealer, who is accused by Hauptmann of leaving behind him the $14,000 ransom money when he went to Germany to die.

The witness was Peter H. Sommer, a former fingerprint man in the New York City magistrate courts.

Sommer related how he saw a woman, resembling Violet Sharpe, and a man, who looked like Fisch, board a 42nd street cross town car in New York City at a Jersey ferry terminal bearing a blond baby dressed in a one piece sleeping suit. A second man assisted them, he said. This was on the night of the kidnaping, March 1, 1932, he testified.

Sommer's story was due for a sharp attack Monday by Attorney General David T. Wilentz when trial is resumed.

In cross examination yesterday, the attorney general produced what he considered damaging conflicts in Sommer's testimony and ordered a full investigation of the witness' background over the week end.

Sommer, who charged the attorney general with trying to confuse him, floundered about in a maze of "I-wouldn't-say-yes-and-I-wouldn't-say-no" answers when court adjourned.

John M. Trendley, 67-year-old handwriting expert of East St. Louis, Ill., was the only other defense witness of the day.

His testimony, under the careful guidance of defense counsel, was directed in refutation of the contention by state experts that Hauptmann was the author of the ransom note left in the Lindbergh nursery.

Chief Defence Counsel Reilly was busily engaged in New York today interviewing some 35 prospective defense witnesses.

"If I can get thru ten witnesses a day I shall certainly rest the defense case Thursday," Reilly said.

The prosecution staff was equally optimistic of the possibility of concluding the trial by the end of next week, and took advantage of the weekend recess to make ready for the final intensive drive preparatory to giving the case to the jury.

George K. Large, special assistant attorney general, said the verdict would probably come next Saturday in the event the defense wound up its testimony by Thursday, and added he did not consider Hauptmann's defense sufficiently strong to require many rebuttal witnesses.

"A person who has no more defense than that ought to plead guilty," Large said of the defendant. Obviously the rebuttal by the state is being reduced by the breakdown of defense witnesses. What is there to rebut?"

But despite the optimism of both legal staffs, a feeling persisted in court that it would require some-

Character Education Will Be Subject for Meeting

Shall we have character education in the public schools of Lawrence?" will be the general subject of a meeting to be held Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the First Methodist church.

Rev. W. Herbert Grant, of Columbia, Mo., will speak on "Church and State in Character Education." The meeting time has been advanced half an hour.

An open forum will follow his talk, taking up curriculum and program of week-day religious education in public schools.

Mrs. Grant will conduct a separate discussion for elementary workers and others interested during the forum.

The Lawrence Council of Religious Education and the Douglas county organization feel especially interested in bringing these specialists to the city at this time.

Ministers, Sunday School officers, the superintendent of schools, principals and members of the board of education are requested to be present.

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ed to major in 1898, to lieutenant colonel in 1896 and became colonel of the regiment in 1897. He was promoted to brigadier general in the National Guard in 1919.

On Mexican Border

He commanded the First Kansas Infantry at Eagle Pass on the Mexican border in 1916, serving with the regiment in federal service from June 19 to October 31 of that year. He was retired from active service in the National Guard on September 10, 1919.

General Metcalf took an active interest in veterans' organizations. He was identified with the United Spanish War Veterans and the Veterans of Foreign Wars and served as state commander of the American Legion. In the activities of the Legion he had a prominent and influential part, serving for more than ten years as a member of the national finance committee.

DEATHS AND FUNERALS

Mrs. Lillie Ayer Reece

Funeral services for Mrs. Lillie Ayer Reece, 70 years old, who died Thursday evening, were held today at 3:30 o'clock from Rumsey's.

Rev. R. A. Hunt was in charge and burial was in Oak Hill cemetery.

A brother, O. E. Ayer, of Albuquerque, N. M. was present.

Her husband, V. L. Reece, died in 1920.

Mrs. Sally L. Bryan

Mrs. Sally L. Bryan died this morning at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. E. Eldridge, in Kansas City, Mo.

She was 84 years old.

Funeral services will be held at 2 o'clock Monday from the Rumsey funeral home and burial will be in Oak Hill cemetery.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Eldridge, and Mrs. C. H. Jones, Galena, and a son, Norris Bryan, Topeka.

She was the widow of L. R. Bryan, who died in 1907, and had lived in the Barker neighborhood for nearly 70 years.

Mrs. Bryan had been ill for only a short time, and went to Kansas City on Wednesday to be with her daughter.

Mrs. Henry Opal Kersting

Funeral services for Mrs. Henry Opal Kersting, who died last night in Wichita, will be held Tuesday at 10 o'clock from Funk's chapel. Burial will be at Stull.

She is the mother of Kathleen Kersting, well known opera singer of Wichita, who has been singing in Berlin.

She is also survived by her husband, and a step-son, Fred Ker-

HOPE TO ADD TEN BOY SCOUT TROOPS

Leaders Discuss Plans for Coming Year at Monthly Session Here

A goal of ten troops and 180 scouts by the end of the year was set by the Douglas district at its monthly session Thursday evening. This will substantially replace the reduction in Scout membership when change of educational policy at Haskell Institute removed two troops and 68 members last year.

Plans for the Douglas district participation in the national Scout jamboree at Washington, D. C., in August were discussed. Douglas may send eight scouts.

Raymond Vorhees, the new field executive for the Kaw area, was present, and was introduced by Paul N. Campbell, of Kansas City, Scout executive for the area.

A. E. Woestemeyer, Scout commissioner for the district, reported on civic services of the Lawrence Scouts last year, as follows:

January—Scouts acted as ushers at all basketball games in K. U. auditorium. Approximately 30 different scouts participated.

February—Collected clothing, furniture, groceries for Social Service League in connection with a good turn during Anniversary week. Twenty-five scouts participated in this drive.

April—On April 9, 16 scouts participated in a flag ceremony at the Hotel Eldridge at the State Building and Loan convention. On April 11, 12 scouts participated in helping place 30 birds houses in three different parks. Fifty scouts acted as ushers, errand boys, and helped with the signalling at the Kansas Relays on April 24.

May—Sixty scouts participated in helping the war veterans with the placing of flowers on the graves of deceased members on Memorial Day.

June — Twenty scouts acted as traffic officers in connection with the dedication of the new pavement on Massachusetts street.

November—On November 12, 20 scouts assisted in the parade in connection with the Haskell Homecoming celebration.

October — Approximately 30 scouts acted as ushers at the K. U. football games during the month of October and November.

December—On December 18, 40 scouts and two leaders assisted the American Legion with an annual drive for food and clothing.

HEARD IN LAWRENCE

Leavenworth has been having considerable trouble with thieves and Harold Gill, of Lawrence, was the latest victim as reported yesterday.

Gill, who is stationed at the port of entry, said someone stole his uniform cap and badge from his parked automobile.

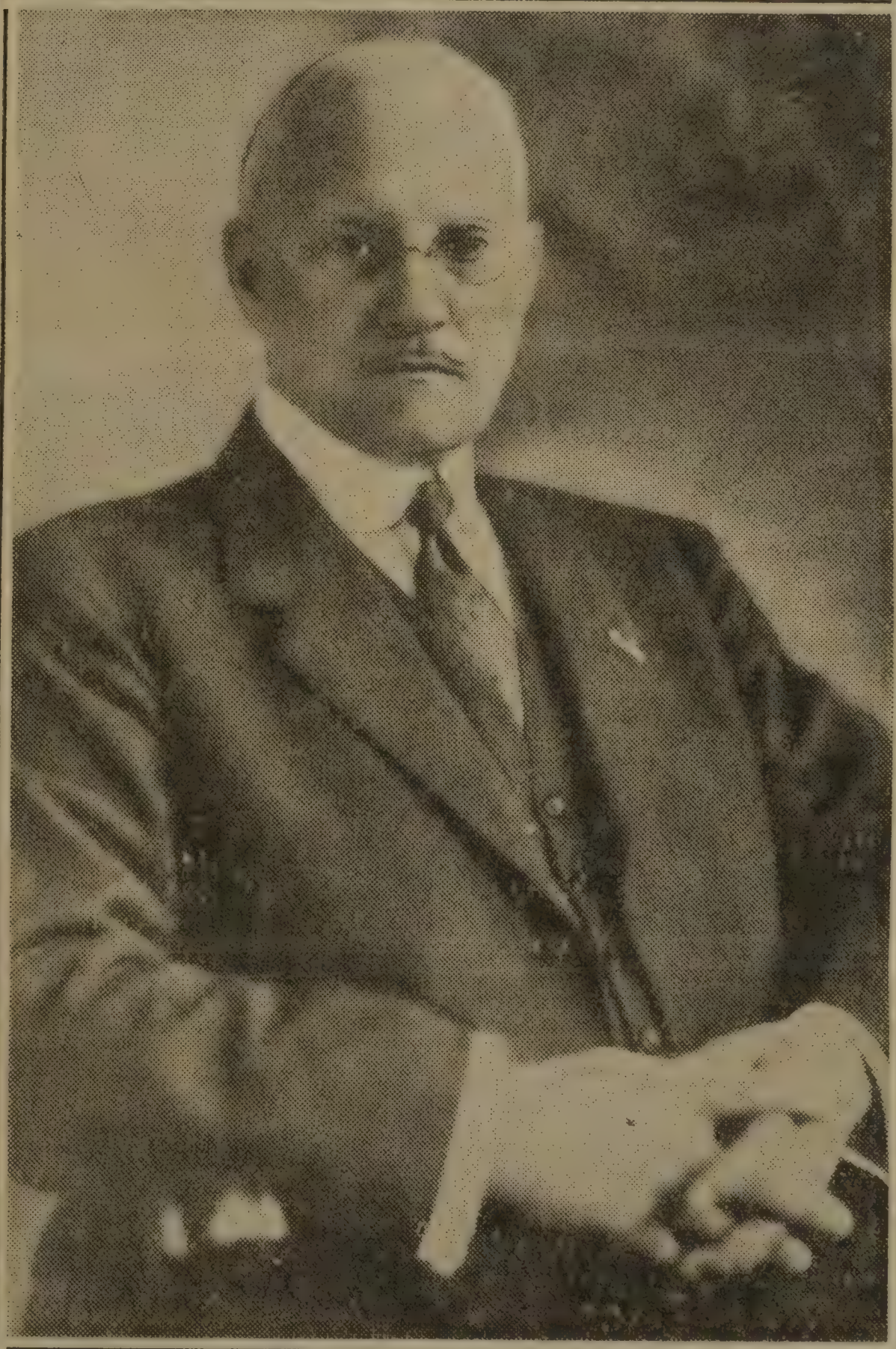
Fog yesterday prevented Louis Coghill, manager of the Lawrence airport, from directing the Ottawa wolf drive from the air, as originally planned. About 800 men from fourteen communities north of the city took part in the drive, which netted five coyotes and several hawks.

Five men were slightly wounded by stray shot, and one of them, who was carrying a dead coyote, was fired on at close range and the shell wadding knocked him down.

Art Fritzel lost his fine English Springer spaniel hunter last night when she was struck by a hit-and-run driver at Massachusetts and Park streets.

Friends of Harold Beck, register of deeds, will be interested in knowing that his physical condition is the result of infantile paralysis when he was two years old, instead of being congenital, as was stated in the Journal-World last evening.

LEADER IN WAR, POLITICS, BUSINESS.



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NEWS of

Trinity Episcopal Church

Lawrence, Kansas

Rev. Carter H. Harrison, Rector

Sunday, Feb. 10, 1935

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

8:00 a. m.—Holy Communion
9:45 a. m.—Church School
11:00 a. m.—Morning Prayer and Sermon

Prelude
Processional Hymn 99
Venite, Chant 7, Hymnal, page 727 ..... *Tomlinson*
Psalm 52, page 404
Gloria, Chant 7, page 530 ..... *Tomlinson*
First Lesson, Genesis 35:1-15
Te Deum, page 10 ..... *Wooler*
Second Lesson, Mark 8:27-38
Jubilate, Chant 26, page 742 ..... *Russell*
Creed, page 15
Collect for the day
Prayers, page 17
Hymn 104
Sermon by the Rector
Gloria, Chant 7, page 530 ..... *Tomlinson*
Offertory Duet, Hold Thou My Hand ..... *Briggs*
Alto, Mary Isabelle Taylor; Tenor, Ralph Brewster
Offertory
Presentation of Alms, Chant 405
Closing Prayer
Benediction Amen ..... *Pendleton*
Recessional Hymn 94
Postlude

Organist and Choir Director, Prof. H. C. Taylor

Parish Notes

The flowers today are given by Mrs. Charles Seewir in memory of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ely Moore.

There will be a supper meeting of the Evening Guild, Thursday evening in the Parish House at 6:30.

The Guild and Woman's Auxiliary will meet Thursday in the Parish House. Lunch will be served at 12:15. The Rev. Theodore Aszman will speak on the subject, "If We Be His Disciples." The monthly meeting of the Auxiliary will take place after the address.

The Woman's Auxiliary will entertain the Church students of Haskell on Friday evening. The party will be held in the Parish House.

Mrs. H. H. MacDonald and Miss Winnie Lowrance were representatives from Trinity Church at the Diocesan Convention in Arkansas City. The convention was most satisfactory from every standpoint. The ideal weather assisted in making possible an excellent attendance.

Important days coming on the Church Calendar:

March 6—Ash Wednesday.

April 14, Palm Sunday—Bishop Wise will be with us for Confirmation on this day. Those who are interested in Confirmation will please get in touch with the Rector as soon as possible

April 21—Easter Day.

IN MEMORY OF

GENERAL WILDER S. METCALF

Christian — Soldier — Citizen

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Lawrence, Kansas

Reverend Carter H. Harrison, *Rector*

Rectory Phone, 1111

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C. G. Dunlap **C. C. Seewir**

R. B. Wagstaff

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Glenn A. Dawes **Corlett Cotton** **R. C. Jackman**

R. A. Haggart **C. S. Skilton** **Dr. M. T. Sudler**

R. H. Wagstaff

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WOMEN'S AUXILIARY—Mrs. E. B. Raber, President

ALTAR GUILD—Helen Wagstaff, President

Flower Committee, Mrs. Harriet Mac Donald, Phone 1432

Organist and Choir Director—Prof. H. C. Taylor

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MARGUERITE BULLENE
1236 MASSACHUSETTS STREET
LAWRENCE, KANSAS

Feb. 26-1935

Dear Miss Antoinette:

Your letter came some days ago. Just at that time I was very busy as I had Nancy Ann Woodward two years old with me. Her Mother has not been very well since she came home from the hospital after the baby arrived. She had had great depression, cried & cried and my sister has devoted her time to the young mother & I took the old one down here. I took her home yesterday as things seemed better but tonight the report is not very encouraging. Today I had time to go to the bank. I found a dividend was declared and the check for the five shares you hold sent to Mrs Gorrill. The bank could do nothing different as the stock still stands in Wilder's name. I suggest that you write Mrs Gorrill and tell

Ann you hold thy stock and ask for the
$20.00 which was the amount of the dividend.
I do not want to ask Mr Gould for it.

It is most kind and good of you to
give the stock to me. I appreciate it more
than I can express. All my life I have wished
to be able to express myself and to make people
know thy things I feel on paper. Now I wish it
more than ever. I did so want to picture for my
friends my experiences in France and have
them know the boys as I know them, have you
read Vera Brittain's Testiment of Youth? I have so
enjoyed the book. She left the hospital at Etaples
just before I arrived there.

Dr Sadler has been very busy. I want to
ask him personally about his bill as he told me
he did not put it on the ~~bill~~. books and was in
no hurry. So many people, people whom I know
have had to undergo some surgical operation the
last week or ten days and all have had Dr. Sadler.

Mr Frazer called me about the stock. He
told me he wanted to buy it, also the Liberty Life
stock Wilder had put up at the bank to secure
a loan. It seems this stock can not be sold for the
amount it was put up for + the bank has to take

a loss. You can send the Stock here to me & I will have it transfered to me. There is no chance of me having a vacation or change for some time to come. Not until I can get out of this home. I am trying to sell it or I shall be glad to give any one a Quit claim Deed. I have shown the home to two people.

MARGUERITE BULLENE
1236 MASSACHUSETTS STREET
LAWRENCE, KANSAS

Mr Gould is very good, I believe, in protecting Wilders name. My Lawyer Mr Stewart said he has known Wilder financial condition for some time and that ten or twelve years ago he had clients who had business with Wilder. He has, and is now looking after Mrs Stinger affairs, she the wife of x-Chancellor Strong, you know. Wilder died bankrupt. Mr Stewart said Gen M- always expected to pay those debts and that very thing he owned was down in black and white in the books. He spoke very highly of him.

I do wish I could see all the letters I receive. I don't believe any one was ever more highly thought of and loved as was Wilder. I ordered a stone marker, just like Mothers to be put in at the Cemetary. I told the man I would put up a monument later. He said the General grave will be a shrine visited by many.

I did not intend to write much tonight
or really answer your letter but I have written at
length after all. The cane you shall have. I
want some one who knows to pick out a good one
though none of them look good to me. I never
knew Wilder to carry a cane. John also asked
for one. Chester & Freddie brought a cane & um-
brella combined from Europe when they were
there one summer. They thought it would be so
useful for him to carry to Legion conventions etc.
& never used it.

On account of the baby I haven't had much
time to go through things! There are two books here
that Dr Holmes & Wilder fancied very highly & asked
Epie Dolin Marion to send them or perhaps they were
hers & he asked for them after she went. Chester says
they are first editions but they are in very bad
condition. You know Chester is a book collector &
has a fine library so he knows. "Dred. A Tale of
the Great Dismal Swamp" H B. Stowe. I
would like to send them to you if you want
them. There is a bible of Wilder's and one of
Charlie's. Small. Given them for regular attendance
at Sunday School Charlie much more worn than
Wilders. There a book. old. Debit & Credit

1858 a Translation from the German which
you gave Charlie. I have a number of other
books which you gave either Charlie
or Wilder. Would you like them all?

MARGUERITE BULLENE
1236 MASSACHUSETTS STREET
LAWRENCE, KANSAS

I will in time send you some of the
fine letters I have received. I am sorry I did
not keep track of what I sent to St Louis, to
John and to you. I would like to have you have
at least a copy of everything and all the news-
paper notices which I have. Of course I have
had one one of some which have been sent
from papers in other towns and even states. I
thought your New York brothers would send the
ones from there. I had several from friends of
mine there. Perhaps you can get everything
together, then let me know & I may be able
to send more.

Your brother in Washington wrote that he
was not much interested in genealogical things
so I will send these to you.

I am happy to tell you that I finally
located the book Harry wanted and sent it
off to him today with a few other Elgins

things. When my Grandfathers home was sold & dismantled by my father during the war so many things disappeared that both my sister & I would like to have now. We were not here at the time & he had to get out of the house & did not know what to do with things. There was a record of the family that I have need much. It has undoubtedly turned up. My sister's Granddaughter now sleeps in a bed which my Grandfather bought in New York for my father. All the children of that generation slept in it, then all the Grandchildren of L. Bullene and then the Great, great and my sisters grandchild is the great, great, great one to use it.

It is so late I will not reread this tonight.

My dear Miss Antoinette I am so grateful to you for giving me the bank stock. It will certainly help out and make things a little easier. Some time I will have my client to support as well as care for. She is in her seventy sixth year & works in an office all day.

Love with affection Madge

Sunday, Feb. 3
(A.S.R's birthday)

Dear Tante Het:

Do all the members of our big family have this same strange feeling today, I wonder? None of us can remember a time when Uncle Wilder was not here - what grief he feels in losing "the old 'un" of us all. I somehow missed the item in the paper, & didn't know of his going until Kays called me last evening. I'm glad Uncle Eli saw him ... recently - and thankful that his tired, benighted mind is at rest. I can't help thinking of them as having a "family reunion" - but it is strange to realize that we can't know anything about them first days, which doubtless aren't days at all, until we experience them ourselves. I do believe that it will be - more beautiful & glorious experience than we can anticipate. So Uncle Jacks the oldest one left? I'd never thought of this disadvantage of belonging to a large family - so many breaks inevitable in the circle. Instead of that we younger ones must remember how privileged we've been, in

sharing all the good times and ardent discussions that you have had together. It's thankful to be old enough to remember so many of those joyous gatherings.

It is really the passing of an era, isn't it — it not just my imagination that makes me feel that something is going forever. There won't be another group so large and bound together by such very intimate ties, with such a heritage of common memories. It seems as though the world will be the poorer for lack of such families.

What is the latest word from Esther. I wonder. Uncle Hart wrote that Dida was to see her on Saturday, + that he himself was going down again in two weeks. Dear girl — may she come through safely.

I have a pile of letters to be written, and I'm expecting Ted later in the afternoon, so I'd better get at some of the others.

My very dear love to you. Don't fret. These are hard days for you. + wish I could help. You are much in my thoughts.

Your niece

Polly

110 West Jackson Road

Webster Groves, Mo.

November 29, 1934.

Dear Keyes;

Your two letters deserved answers before this, but I put it off until I had been to Lawrence myself, and then put it off again until I had been there the second time, which was last night. Had to be in Topeka yesterday, and stopped at Lawrence in the evening on my way in to Kansas City, and had time to make a little visit with Wilder at thehospital and have supper and a good talk with Madge Bullene.

Wilder had the last operation last week Friday, and apparent ly stood it even better than he had the other; at least he has been clearer in his head and seemed to gain strength faster, though of course he is very weak. His mind wandered a good deal, before, and is still liable to slip, though he has recognized me at once, both times I have been there, and talked to me quite rationally, for a short time. He got tired pretty quick, naturally enough, and was ready to say goodbye. It's hard to tell just how much he realizes of what has happened and what is ahead. He seems to be comfortable, with no pain to speak of, and well cared for, and certainly worries about himself and his affairs far less than Madge does.

Of course the pain and weakness have dulled his mind, somewhat, and he can't keep his mind on things for very long at a time, and it's too soon to tell yet how much permanently affected it may be. His memory, and his mental capacity generally, as you know, have been slipping somewhat since even before he was sick last year. That was one of the things that bothered the doctor, after the other operationand made him hesitate about this later one, for fear of what the effect might by on his mind. Apparently, so far, it is no worse, and rather better than before this last operation.

Physically, he seems to be getting on very well, and the to be recovering from the operation allright, and the operation wss successful as far as it went. From what Madge says, though, I take it the doctor found some evidence that the cancer had extended fatther than he thought at first, and so far that it could not be all removed or the further growth stopped. He was still in doubt about that, but had sent some of the tissue to be examined, and had not yet heard from it yesterday. He had thought at first that it was confined to the rectum, and that this operation would remove all of it, and leave a pretty fair chance that it might not come back. Apparently there was some indication, when he got at it, that the parts higher up were also affected, which would mean that it had gone toofar to be reached by operation. They should have the result of the examination within a few days.

Wilder is already insisting that he must go home, and that is worrying Madge now. She feels that she cannot have him back home. She can't keep on paying taxes and interest on the house, and is determined to let it go to the mortgage, and is afraid if Wilder once got home it would be harder than ever to give up the house. He had said before he went to the hospital that if it meant a long convalescence he would go to the army hospital at Leavenworth, and she feels that he should go there direct from the hospital in Lawrence when he is able to be moved. It seems as if that was the thing to do, but she is afraid he may not like it. He has always had a dislike for the army hospitals, though undoubtedly they are best fixed to give him the care he must have. Even if he gets around again, it will be a long time before he can do without continual care and attention, and it does look as if that was the place for him to get it.

I don't know what if anything she has written you about Wilder's business, but that is also worrying her constantly, a good deal more than it seems to worry him. Before he went to the hospital he made over his business, and not only the business, but all his property, real and personal. to this lawyer in Lawrence who has been after him for years and threatening suit for an accounting because of an estate which he represents and which for which Wilder has been making investments. It's hard to tell just what ground he has had, but it seems evident that there has been a good deal about the accounts of the business, for years, that would not stand a thorough audit, and this man has been holding a threat over Wilder's head for some time. It was to hold him off that Wilder asked Nette for that money a year ago, and evidently that only kept him off temporarily. Anyway, the man now has Wilder's bill of sale, or whatever, for all the property he had, of any kind, and Madge is afraid she may have trouble establishing her right to the furniture and things in the house, as well as to what equity there is left on Wilder's insurance, which he had promised to make over to her, but apparently did not. He took over the business, and has moved everything in the way of papers to his own office, and, I understand, has written to the clients with a view to doing something toward a settlement. He tells Madge that he wants to settle things without making trouble, but she is somewhat afraid of him. Apparently Wilder tried to get the bank to act as trustee and settle the business, but the bank would not because this man was suing, threatening suit, and the bank did n't want to get mixed up in it.

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Wilder deeded the house to Madge some time ago, you know, but there might be some question about his personal property in the house. She says she will live in it through the winter, because she has her supply of fuel in, and everything ready for the winter, but that in the spring she will let the mortgage holder foreclose and take it.

As for the money, Madge says Nette has sent her some, a couple of times, and she has all she needs just now, and does n't know just what more it will take to settle the hospital and doctor bills, and other expenses. Think Nelson also sent $50. I'm in doubt whether it is better to send her separately so, or to try to keep it together. She has been writing Nette about it, and evidently expects to write her again for more when she needs it. Would you want to talk to Nette about it? Or would you rather just send something to Madge, which would mean just so much less that she will ~~xxxxxx~~ ask Nette for? She has lost a lot of her own money, through investing it with Wilder, and is worried a good deal about what she is going to have left to ~~xxxxx~~ live on. She has certainly been good to Wilder, and is pretty near crazy with worrying about him and his affairs now. As the thing stands seems to me it might be better that whatever the family is paying toward the expense there should go together through one source than in pieces, from various sources, but maybe the other would be easier and better. Do n't like Nette to be carrying it all, but she has been sending it on to Madge, evidently, and telling her to call on her for more when she needs it, and I have n't tried to mix in, so far. What do you think. Will be glad to do as you like, and to try to keep track of things closer and work it out with Madge, if you and Nette would like.

Henry and the girls write of seeing something of you, in Chicago and Oberlin. Am glad you could find time to visit with them. We would like to see more of them, ourselves.

Mayo.

Dear Keyes:- I'm awfully glad you have seen so many of our children this fall. They enjoy seeing you very much. I wish we could see them often. This will be the first Christmas that Sarah won't have a spare room to get home. I wish Mayo could keep on getting leaves for them when they grow up!

Florence

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110 West Jackson Road

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February 7, 1935.

DEar Antoinette;

Your letter reached Lawrence after we left, and was sent on by Madge , along with some other things which we are putting in the small family letter and sending on to John tomorrow.

Now it is saturday night, and this letter is n't written and gone to you yet, as it should have been. We did get off the small circulator, to John, and short letters to Reyes and Ike, in answer to theirs. Excuse us for not being more prompt to write. The Big circulator is here now, coming yesterday from Baltimore. Barbara seems to have skipped Columbus with it, and I guess we shall have to send it back there, before it goes to Chicago.

Eli went over to Lawrence Sunday, getting there about six, and I went over that night, getting there early in the Morning. The Woodwards came in from Topeka shortly after I got there, and the two Woodward boys and Webb's wife came in about noon, in time for dinner, Tom having had to work in his bank all morning. Mrs. Tom, Mary Evelyn, was still in the hospital with the new, second great-grand-daughter. They are fine folks , all of them, and Wilder had good cause to be proud of his step-family, as he was.

Harry Putnam called up from Topeka early in the morning, andEli talked to him. He drove over after dinner, with his oldest son and his daughter-in-law, and came to the house, and went to the church with the rest of the family. Many others came to the house, all through the morning, General Martin and Captain Comley from Leavenworth, and a big bunch of Legion officials from the national headquarters at Indianapolis, including General Drain, former National Commander, who had a letter written in Wilder's own hand, ,within the last week, of which he was very proud.

It seemed to me that whoever made the arrangements for the services did very well indeed to keep the military part of it entirely out of the church , Though the military organizations of course were there in uniform , the services were wholly church services, and the church was full, with many old-time Lawrence friends, besides many from over the state. I do n't have use for church funerals, privately, or for funeral s ervices at all, much, but I guess their new young minister did about the best he could, and the music, two solos, was very good. When they left the church everything was wholly in the hands of the military, the Legion, with the National guard assisting, and I liked that part of it much better, for the simplicity and order of it. The salute over the grave, fired by a

squad of students fromthe Indian School, and the bugle Taps by a Filipino officer, with a little scripture by a chaplain in uniform were far better than words.

I do wish John could have been there. He seemed to wish very much that he had, as he wrote. We had some hope that Nelson might show up, but he did not, and I have not heard from him since. He sent Madge fifty dollars some time ago, and that was undoubtedly a better thing to do with fifty dollars than to spend it going from Chicago to Lawrence when it would do no good at all.

There was no question as to money, Nette. The Army pays most of the expense of the funeral, but Madge said she would spend something over $200 in addition, to make it somewhat more fitting Wilder's rank. She said she had the insurance straightened out, and expected to get as much as $1000 from it, part of which she planned to use for the extra expenses. She said the hospital bills were all paid, thanks to you, and that she had not yet received any bill from Dr. Sudler, and did not know what if any bill he would make. She felt he should be paid something, whether he sends a bill or not. Probably she has written you, though.

I had n't your letter when I was there, but did talk to Madge a little about that bank stock, and she knew nothing at all about it. I will be glad to write her about it, or maybe you will just as well want to do that direct. I think she is going to consult a lawyer, rather against her wishes but on advice of some of her friends, just to be sure she gets fairly treated by Mr. Gorrell. She has Wilder's will, leaving everything to her, but as Wilder made over everything he had, real and personal, to Gorrell before her went to the hospital, the will would not seem to help much. As I recall it, the transfer of that stock was made by Wilder in blank, not in your name, but it is turned over to you as security for the loan of $1500, for which you hold his note. I do n't suppose the stock would bring as much as $1500 now, and you are clearly entitled to whatever it is worth, and have no obligation to bring Mr. Gorrell in on it at all. so if you want to make it over to Madge I suggest that you give her , if she does consult a lawyer, full information as to just what you have and in what form the note and stock transfer were made to you, and have her find out the best way to arrange the transfer to her to insure that there can be no question of her title. Being secured by the deposit of the stock with you, I think your loan can properly be made good to the extent of the value of the stock, and not go into the same mess with the other debts of the estate, but it would take legal advice, with full knowledge of the facts, to say how to handle it. If you would like me to, I'll write or talk to Madge about it, or get other legal advice.

Did Madge write you of the big framed pictures of Father and your Mother, which Wilder had. They are the frames from the old house, but a later large picture of Father than the one that used to be in that frame long ago. She wants to know to whom to send them, and I promised to ask and let her know, or you tell her as you write her. He brought home a big lot of photographs, including two albums and a big lot of loose pictures, mostly Wilder's Oberlin class pictures, I think, along with a sprinkling of family pictures of various dates. If you think it would be OK I thought Irving might be interested in the Oberlin pictures. Do they keep such things in an historical exhibit at Oberlin. There were a bunch of old class pictures at the centennial, as I remember, and maybe they could use Such.

Mary

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MISS MARGUERITE BULLENE

1236 MASSACHUSETTS ST

WE ARE ALL GRIEVED TO LEARN OF PASSING OF OUR BELOVED GENERAL STOP YOU AND THE FAMILY HAVE THE VERY DEEP SYMPATHY AND THE PRAYERFUL THOUGHTS OF EACH AND EVERY MEMBER OF OUR NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS STAFF STOP OUR HEARTS ARE FULL AND WORDS CANNOT ADEQUATELY CONVEY OUR SENSE OF EXTREME LOSS TO THE FAMILY THE CITIZENSHIP OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE AMERICAN LEGION STOP AS FUNERAL. ARRANGEMENTS DEVELOP PLEASE COMMAND US IN ANY AND ALL POSSIBLE WAYS

FRANK E SAMUEL NATIONAL ADJUTANT

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TELEGRAMS TO MISS BULLENE RE: WILDER S/ METCALF.

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MARGUERITE BULLENE

1236 MASS

THE KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF THE AMERICAN LEGION EXTENDS SINCERE SYMPATHY STOP WE HAVE ALSO SUFFERED A GREAT LOSS STOP WE WILL APPRECIATE YOUR ADVISING US IF WE CAN BE OF THE SLIGHTEST SERVICE

HARRISON GLIDDEN DEPARTMENT COMMANDER.

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MISS MARGARET BULLENE

1236 MASSACHUSETTS AVE

HAVE JUST RECEIVED THE SAD NEWS OF THE PASSING OF MY GREAT FRIEND GENERAL METCALF PLEASE ACCEPT MY MOST SINCERE SYMPATHY IN THIS LOSS NOT ONLY TO HIS FAMILY BUT TO THE NATION AND THE LEGION IN PARTICULAR HE WAS A GREAT AND GOOD MAN AND I AM PROUD TO HAVE KNOWN HIM AND CALLED HIM FRIEND.

EDGAR B DUNLAP

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MISS MARGUERITE BULLENE

1236 MASS ST LAWRENCE KANS

REGRET TO REPORT YOUR FATHER WILDER S METCALF IS CRITICALLY ILL STOP ASSURE YOU EVERYTHING POSSIBLE BEING DONE

ALLEE CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER.

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MISS MARGUERITE BULLENE

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DEEPLY REGRET TO INFORM YOU THAT YOUR FATHER WILDER S METCALF DIED FEBRUARY FIRST TEN PM

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FAMILY OF GENERAL WILDER S METCALF

PLEASE ACCEPT MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY IN PASSING OF MY FRIEND GENERAL METCALF STOP A GREAT LOSS TO OUR STATE AND NATION

HARRY H WOODRING

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MILITARY RECORD of WILDER S. METCALF.

Private Co."G", 5th Ohio Nat'l Guard Inf.,	May 6,	1884.
1st Sergt. - - -	May 6,	1884
1st Lieutenant, - -	July 17,	1885
Honorably discharged, - -		1886.
Private Co."H", 1st Kansas Nat'l Guard Inf.,		1888.
2d Lieutenant, - -	Jan. 25,	1889.
1st Lieutenant, - -	May 23,	"
Captain, - - -	July 1,	"
Major, - - -	Aug. 29,	1893.
Lieutenant-Colonel, - -	Jan. 1,	1896
Colonel, - - -	Apr. 6,	1897.
Brigadier-General, Kansas National Guard.	Feb. 24,	1919.
Retired by operation of law,	Sept. 10,	"

In FEDERAL SERVICE.

Major, 20th Kansas Volunteer Infantry,	May 4,	1898.
Brevet Brigadier-General, U. S. Volunteers,	Mch. 29,	1899.
Colonel, 20th Kansas Volunteer Infantry,	May 5,	"
Honorably mustered out, - -	Oct. 28,	"
Colonel, 1st Kansas Infantry, Nat'l Gd.,	June 19,	1916.
Honorably mustered out, - -	Oct. 31,	"
Colonel, 1st Kansas Infantry, Nat'l Gd.,	Aug. 5,	1917.
Brigadier-General, National Army, to rank from	Aug. 5,	"
commission dated	Aug. 22,	"
Honorably discharged, - -	May 24,	1918.

Twice wounded in action

There is a young man out in Lawrence,
Whose wisdom and wit flow in torrents,
Fraternal advice,
Smile friendly and nice,
We've oft had from this young man in Lawrence

But he is not so young as he looks, ah!
For we've found it put down in the books, ah!
That he's full thirty five,
Sure as I am alive,
At the time when upon this he looks, ah!

Now long may he live, do we all say,
May he never be struck with the palsy,
Friends, honor and health
Success and true wealth,
Every good, be his always, we all say-

There ought to be a verse about sending folks' money to other folks-

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LAWRENCE.

ÚLTIMA HORA

En un combate habido en la mañana de ayer entre nuestras fuerzas y las americanas, en el sitio de Cruz-na-Ligás (Mariquina) aquellas llevaron la mejor parte causando á sus enemigos muchas bajas.

En Pasig han caido en nuestro poder 180 prisioneros americanos.

HULING SANDALÍ

Sa labanán cahapon nğ umaga nğ ating mğa caual at nang americano sa nayon nğ Cruz-na-Ligás (Mariquina) ay nacalamáng nang malaquí sa caramihan nğ napatay sa mğa caauay.

Nahulog sa ating camay ang sangdaa't ualong puong americanong nábihag sa Pasig.

Imp. bajo la dirección del Sr. Z. Fajardo. - Barasoain.

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Manila, Apl. 9, 1899

Miss Mary Barber

Aug 4 1863

and to report

we will

Dr. J. Nelson

Mattie A. Barber

Mansfield O. Aug. 6th 1866

Dear Dear Sister. Shall I call you so? I would write you pretty soon, but I have been waiting longer than I intended for something certain to communicate. Uncle & Aunt persuaded me to apply for the school in this place — for a Department of it, I mean — and am waiting still for the action of the Board of Education. Different things have prevented their meeting at times appointed. Last Saturday they

met — but one week the M. E. conference met at Perkinsville. The week before Mansfield was visited by a terrible storm. Trees were uprooted, houses unroofed, fences leveled, and much damage done. Mansfield suffered more than any other place in the county. Many persons were killed outright, and many more injured. Among the latter was Allen Ellet Esq. Mayor of the city. He was struck by a falling tree, and his leg broken in two places. It is not yet — and probably never will be — entirely well. He is able to be around on crutches, but cannot walk without them. Mrs. Ellet was not at home when the storm came on. She was visiting in Pittsburgh. Their house was not damaged much, but the fences were all leveled, and the trees torn up by the roots. Their loss will be considerable. Mrs. Ellet returned home the day after the storm. Mr. Ellet is now able to walk about the house with crutches. He is a very pleasant man, and I like him very much. Mrs. Ellet is a lady of fine education and refinement. She was a Miss Mitchell before her marriage. Her father is a Presbyterian minister, and resides in Perkinsville. Mrs. Ellet is a member of the Methodist Church, and her husband is a Universalist. Mrs. Ellet is a very pleasant lady, and I like her very much. She is a very good housekeeper, and her table is always well supplied with the best of everything. She is a very kind hostess, and I enjoy my visits there very much. Mr. Ellet is a very pleasant man, and I like him very much. He is a very good husband, and his wife is very fortunate in having such a husband. He is a very kind father, and his children are very fortunate in having such a father. He is a very good citizen, and the city is very fortunate in having such a citizen. He is a very good Christian, and the church is very fortunate in having such a member. He is a very good man, and the world is very fortunate in having such a man. He is a very good husband, and his wife is very fortunate in having such a husband. He is a very kind father, and his children are very fortunate in having such a father. He is a very good citizen, and the city is very fortunate in having such a citizen. He is a very good Christian, and the church is very fortunate in having such a member. He is a very good man, and the world is very fortunate in having such a man.

were presented by a telegram informing one of the members of the death of a friend of his, belonging to the National Guards. He had been with him for some time & had but recently left him convalescent. Board meeting had been deferred on account of his absence. I may not have the the place after all; but I am studying some, beside helping Mrs. now. Mary, her daughter, is gone; and it may not prove to be time thrown away. I had to write to Mrs. B. that I would give up going to Cleveland. I trust she was not very much dis-

appointed.

Oh! who were the three boys, in Elyria, that were drowned in the "forty-foot hole" in the West Branch! The Sandusky Register does not give their names. I suppose the place is just back of Mr. Munsey's. They cannot be your boys & C. Munsey — Do — Do write soon as convenient — I have n't had a letter since I came here. It seems some like being in prison. Uncle's time here is almost ended. He preached his last sermon in Ft Clinton last Sat.

How is your father's health? I hope you have heard something more encouraging since

I left you. Any word from the Jamestville cousins? Does Anna remember me? I wish I could kiss her and sweet little Mary. How the boys would enjoy this beautiful Lake Erie. It is just to sail over and to look at, but to bathe and swim in. There is a portion of the shore occupied every eve. perhaps very often it is certain by women and little girls. It is so near to Uncle's that we can walk there in bathing dresses. Some young ladies are expert swimmers. If I should stay long enough, I might be. Mail days here are Mon. Wednes. and Fri. The town contains about 800 inhabitants, three churches. The Catholic, M. E. Epis. & United Brethren. As usual, every where Sat. Sch. Bible class & prayer meeting are very interesting to me. Love and kisses. Please give to your sister. Mrs. Barber.

Camp Barker
Jan 1865

Letter Envelope. Near Cincinnati O.
Dec 31st to Jan 14th 1865.

Dear [illegible],

I received your kind letter, which I
found waiting for me on my return from
the front, and was very glad to hear from
you and to learn that you were well and
doing so much good among the poor people
there. I hope that, ere
this reaches you, you will have been able to
take your contemplated trip to the home
of your childhood. How long did you stay
there? Do you expect to return to Cincinnati
soon? Since writing you my last
letter I have been quite busy
in the round about duties of a Sanitary
Inspector, as you - doubtless
know. I have visited several Hospitals
which I had not seen before, I know, and I
do not regret having done so. I am sure

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Lucy Barber
Port Clinton
May 3, 1865

Perkins Township Erie Co. Ohio. February 4th 1865.
Post-office address. Sandusky City.
Care of Mr. Morris House.

Dear Cousin Nettie,

Gertrude writes me that you have written to me twice. I have not received either letter. My apprehensions concerning your health were quieted by a letter from Carrie Mussey, for she mentioned that you were all well. There is a letter there for Sandusky City, but she returned the certificate to the post office, after they had taken it out by mistake, and I have been hoping she would get other letter she might get. We are five miles from Sandusky. I have not been there, but have sent letters to the P. O. twice. I have sent for addressed letters, and they have been taken out. Will be, I think, will close in three weeks. Then I do propose I shall pass on to your house, as my first visit was for ten days. I do not know what other term, the school has been a little cold. We miles I have learned that in from all the world without. Though I could of this world
see but very little beyond it. I have tried

to look ... heart ... in full light. The people of this place have a serious dread of meetings for time past. I have with them had refreshed. Whenever I think of it; I do most devoutly praise the Lord for gathering some of ... dear lost ... to his fold; and I do often think of those that are still left without the fold I have great heaviness and sorrow of heart; while I fear they are, after all their ... of obtaining salvation, be lost. I beg you to pray for us. Pray for the young disciples among us ... for those who have thoughtful and serious but have not made it their choice. Pray for those who try to exclude from their minds every thing sacred and serious, for seem to do so, though they are found in our meetings, some of them ... and do not ... to ... for ... you, ... ask, remember me, friend, when I ask that I may not be a burden to one soul, but of use to help to those who should come to Christ. The Lord hear us ... behalf of your own family also and for the Township of Elkrun. The Lord revive his work there. Please write soon, direct as above, if it would not be well for you to have me come ... you, if ... school closes. I will write you soon, if I take another ... Mrs. Mary Baker

Post Office Ottawa Co. Ohio Feb. 26 '66.

Dear Annie Hattie,

I have not written home
for some time. We left the town Kinsman
on account of the cholera, which is bad
there. You may be surprised, when
I tell you my occupation, when I write
to you. I commenced to work "by
the sweat of my brow" as you ask me
the last time I wrote. I am
in an office, Mr. Fox's office, that is my
occupation, and I like it very much.
I commenced the 1st of January,
and I like it better every day. My
salary is $ per month, and I expect
to receive more soon. My health is
very good, I weigh 140 lbs. I
have not been sick since I left
home. I have not had the
headache since I left home.
I am very much pleased to
hear that you are all well.
Give my love to Mother,
Father, Sister, Brother,
Grandmother, Grandfather,
Uncle, Aunt, Cousins,
Friends, and all inquiring
friends. Write soon.

given to the public on Saturday morning, March 18th. Will Cousin Isaac want the book upon that time? I fear he has already wanted it. I suspect that this was the only book of the series which he had not used. I think I must beg to be forgiven, as well as indulged, for keeping it so long. But if he needs his book before the Concert, please let me know and he shall have it immediately.

Friday, March 23d, our winter term of school closes. I have drawn the Map of Asia, Chart "Rhetoric" & Mr. Kingsbury and he likes it; and I do not Esq. Annesley, another of the directors; and now I would be glad to know how much 100, and how much two hundred of them would cost, if sent to us from Elyria. I have kept a "Register" of the recitations &c. during the term, and could fill out blanks for this term, for my department. I believe they contemplate requiring something of the kind of all

The teachers' Bible we at least Mr. B— thinks of recommending to the Board to get. We wished to know the cost of said blanks, & pencil case &c. We should want to have Sol. Christ. inscribed where the word Christ is. Suppose they Washburn's the place where this was printed. Would cousin Isaac take the trouble to find out what we could obtain them for, at the same place? And would you let me know then? I would be very much obliged to you. Nothing has been said to me, officially, about matters. I am becoming more and more attached to the people of this place, both old and young. There is an excellent state of feeling existing among the churches & the United Brethren & M. E. brethren. We have been praying & trusting God among us, and trust them to be kindere pursued after the way to God. I am

happy to hear from Dear Pa & in Class meetings & in our young people's prayer-meetings of what the Lord has done for them. There are many more whom I greatly desire to have more fully confirmed in their resolutions to live for Christ. I do not want to leave them halting between two opinions, as some appear to be; but I appeal to Providence to decide my way and direct. I am only concerned to abide by the order of Providence. I will commit my way to God - my steps to guide. I do not know whether it would be proper and right to go and spend another vacation with you as I did last fall or not. One thing I am not uncertain about - I am sure it would be pleasant to have you made have always my stay at your house delightful to me. All my relatives in Chicago are very dear. But what is your advice. There is yet time to think of another plan if this should "go up in a flame." I have not heard from Mr. Chandler yet. Love to all.

Yours truly. Mary Burke

Louden Mary
P. Clinton
Aug. 24, 1865

Mary Barber
Sandusky City

Sandusky City, Erie Co. Ohio. Sept. 22 1853

Dear Cousin Nellie,

I have found a good place here where I may remain
till I [illegible] Japan.
I have a part of the time for the family, where I [illegible] meals and the
[illegible] have one room for myself.

I am the School I attend is a private
[illegible] the higher department. The
[illegible] all studies, but do not commence
them.

I want now to hear from all
[illegible] at your home. Give my
[illegible] of Sandusky in which
[illegible] of Japan, and I will ask one favor
to take back the [illegible] I received at
home and [illegible] I am [illegible]
[illegible] I am [illegible] and I will
[illegible] to me, to write to me.

Dear Lizzie I am glad you could get through the [illegible] — perhaps Lizzie & Jos will get their things in there. I fear you are but well enough to go up stairs and pack them. I wish I could save you that trouble altogether but I do not like to — you will continue to get them in by some means and will continue that until Mr. Conrad would, I think, like the key in charge at the depot at Sandusky. He will probably come next Sat. but what time I cannot say. If you could get them ready to send, it would be best and have them by Express. The Commissioners, meet, will probably close in Sandusky on Monday Apr. 10th. The key may be received in care of Mr. Ord. C. — & this care I would like to have letter to direct [illegible]

and I take a letter from me.

I am indebted to you for considerable postage, I cannot guess how much but I will put in "this much" at a venture. By course it will not stay, or begin to, all you have done for me. You must put a good bill at the top of boy and I'll try to pay immediately.

Sometime I hope to visit you. I know you will often remember me where I want to be remembered most. Will you not pray that we may have God's Spirit sent down abundantly upon the Schools and teachers at Fort Benton at present?

How much I have to tell you. All God's goodness to me and wonderful answering to prayer. I have in [illegible] prayers in our behalf answered. Unanswered is that we [illegible] spiritual wisdom. Amen.

Much love to Aunt & Uncle and you

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Mary Barber
Elyria
May 26 1864

Elyria [illegible] May 26th
1864.

Dear Cousin Nellie,

I think you will find a little record of home matters acceptable and I hope you will receive it on Sat. 28th inst. We are all quite well this afternoon Anna and I are alone in our room. Charley is out in the garden where Mr. Ewis and Charley Rich are spading. Wilder calls his dinner with us and I do not see much of him at other times. He has to be quite down well at school. I must tell you that Charley went down to the Barlow's with Wilder after dinner last night & came home about seven, [illegible] because he was homesome, and he slept with Wilder too, when he left him Charley

seemed to feel a little better when
I went away to meeting. Mr. F. tried to comfort him. He has come
in now from the garden, and,
no doubt, for he stays out most
all the time, I asked him what
he wished me to say to you for him,
and he said "All I can think of
is that you would be very good,
I'm afraid I shall say he has not.
He has been very good, so far; and
O, such a baby! So pleasant and
charming as she is! She eats &
sleeps well. She rode down yesterday
to see cousin Hattie and to-day she
rode down into the grove. She talks
about everything gone out - the
gate &c. &c. and thereby expresses
her thoughts very intelligibly. This morn.
looking out towards Mr. Muzzy she
she said, "To-ma tum Anne".
I guess I must go to bed to come

over and play with Annie & Charley. I met Miss Crandall yesterday, returning from the depot, with an empty baby-carriage, in which little Bertie Jenkins had rode. So Mrs. J. had started for Boston, Gertrude seems to be having a good time. She says tell Mrs. H. she sent away thirteen nice bunches of asparagus yesterday and can send again to-morrow; and also that she is going to make butter to-morrow. She adds that you need not be in a hurry about coming home, but stay and have your visit out. She does not forget to water your plants. I am glad you are having such pleasant weather for the convention. There is probably a large meeting of Baptists in Philadelphia this week, the fiftieth anniversary of the Am. Bap. Miss.

Annie comes at this time, I presume the meetings will be intensely interesting. I hope Aunt Melissa and Mary may engage in the convention, although getting tired. Please tell Aunt that Alice Long called yesterday afternoon to see her and he invite Ben to visit with her to-day. She did not say whose name say "Mary-Louise-Lilly-Anne."

I forgot to tell you before we went away that I appointed the Ladies' Prayer-meeting here Wednesday afternoon. I hope you will pray for us. I believe you do. Much love to all — to you and all the relatives and friends in J.

Yours truly,
Mary Barber.

P.S. I suppose Charley ought to if I had told you that he had plowed his garden. He has planted it to corn and potatoes. He is quite cheerful to-night. Ought Ch. to write that you sent for him.

A. B.

Mary J Barber

March 11 1864

No. 13

I wish I could sit down by you this beautiful Sunday and talk an interest to your kind letter and tell you & my experience over you and the new baby I want to see so much. How are you? Gaining rapidly I trust and the baby well and improving - & well taking care of herself for I know she has

Henry Bartlett
Dec 4 1864

Mrs. Lindsay Cole Collins
Cole's Hill 19th 1864.

Dear Cousin Ellen,

The time is
much too short when I am expected
at your house, I own. The fact of
not having the time sufficient al-
lowed I should communicate my
mind & feelings you. But I cannot
but wish you if in your power
to take both make any delay
once with me and you shall it
would not. Uncle Edmund and
our cousins Lucy & Elizabeth
be East Sunday, Mrs Cole
husband goes Saturday next
Mrs Cole & Mr. Lyth visit Uncle, that
the two days and Esther is to, in
their carriage, to Hall Dene house,
in Lidgmond left Friday and the

f.

at Peking till Monday could come back and get away before the 25th. He thought he should come today and he will probably go back with us, to-morrow, Mr E. Sturrock. He had three appointments on his account, one of them at some distance in reach to Chinan. He says that from that place he will drive over to you, place with me, if you should like it, so as to arrange for him for this occasion. You said you should need one three months. But I have taken a school here in Peking which they wish to have begin Nov. 28th. So I must come back to Shanghai on Sat. 26th if poss. By this means I shall, I cannot have more than one week to remain with you.

I look forward to seeing you all with much pleasure. The time seeming that I have been absent, though much enjoyment has been crowded into it. With devout gratitude I will mention that I have had much of the Divine presence during my stay in Port Clinton, then also in Perkins I am among Methodists. The Sab. just past was a very profitable one to my soul. As I wrote to Aunt Abbie or some one, so I do to you. And if we come to you this side of the blessing of the gospel of peace I hope and love to all the different members of your family.

Affectionately

Mary Parker.

Mrs. A. S. Hewitt.

Dear Cousin Nettie.

Your letter dated [illegible] was very welcome indeed. It was short but you have a way of compressing a great deal into a small space. I do hope May's eyes are better by this time. I guess she will employ her hands if she cannot her eyes. I am so glad you have a girl with so many good qualities and so many admirers. Mrs. De Hill was pressing to her help. Is Hattie expecting to be married to a person I know anything about? Is he good? That is the question — I suppose Carrie Bradley is at home. Please give my love to her. I have had a very good letter from Mrs. Gordon — Mrs. Lent. Such letters make me realize I am not quite

alone and friendless in the
world. Would I peally deserve its
esteem & my good friends! —
Please not tell any one see
this. I am thankful for Aunt Mis
continued health. I wish to send
much love to her and also to
Cousin Anna and her family.
I have not heard a word about
Charlie Rich since I left Elyria.
Where is he? and how does he do-
ing? I should like to hear about
Miss Ann Maria Crandall & her
sister if they are well &c.
I know you used to take a kind
& distinct interest in me. I
do not believe you have forgotten
to do so yet. Well, here is an ac-
count of my matters; a partial
account, of course, in more
than one sense of the word.
I have had some distressing
times — our family a
pleasant flock, numbering 44 in
all and averaging 33. The invariable

interrupted the attendance of some but they had them lightly. Though they spread widely many who had them were absent from school but a few days on that account. When the three months of the Summer term were past the money in the Treasury for School purposes was expended and considerably more too; so they can have no public school this fall. The Board attribute this state of affairs to the mismanagement of predecessors. They recommend this Coral Knight who taught the Primary department of the School and to one to have a set of school there; and use the rest of the school houses. We went around among the people of the place and found that all were desirous that we should teach this fall. and would will lend to us;

and we intend to commence on the 21st of this month Aug. We may teach three months as the winter term does not commence with the first of Dec. The Methodist Conference is at Elyria about the first of Sept and then I can send home the valise by Mr. Kingham for he will attend if he possibly can, and I know he will take it. I must not trouble him with the pound box of course. I think uncle Haldeman and Aunt Abbie will be there I am very desirous of getting some Clark's folks such as you and Phile and Wal go to the school at Elyria. I cannot find any here and do not know where to obtain them can you inform me? If you can get me four of them of the size pictured I had not you remember the size? and could send them by Mr. Kingham to me I would be very glad indeed I would be glad also of a Specimen of the Reform such as Wilder brings you on the last day. I will ask Mr.

Dear Nettie, I beg you will pray that the Holy Spirit may be given to me. Pray that I may be endowed with wisdom to teach the way of salvation to those who do not know it so well as I do. I will also pray for you and yours. Affectionately Mary Harper.

Westboro' Nov. 19th 1869.

My Dear Cousin Nellie.

Your letter of Sept 20th lies before me. and I trust that you will not think that I was not glad to hear from you again. because I have waited so long to reply. Nineteen dear friends besides yourself claim me as their correspondent. and often when I have finished the duties of the day. I am so tired that I cannot write a letter that would pay for reading. so days. weeks. and often months. pass. while my portfolio contains unanswered letters in abundance.

Yours affy. Cousin
Lucy E. Pratt

Ct Hartford Sun. Norfolk. Please write when you can Ct

Since I wrote you last I have been in Fremont visiting my room-mate at the Seminary. and the journey and visit did me much good both in body and mind. I was completely tired out with the care and anxiety occasioned by mother's illness. and was very nervous, but the change rested me and I enjoyed visiting the places of interest in and near Middleburg very much. At home we have no mountain scenery. and all the waterfalls that I ever saw before were artificial. so that when I saw the water in the Green River, which for a short distance before flowed along as smoothly as any of our little streams. rushing along so furiously. and dashing against the rocks beneath. I could but wonder at the difference between the works of God and man. I have often thought that I would love to visit Niagara. but when I saw Belding's Falls. my admiration became almost fear, and I imagine that I should suffer more at Niagara than I could enjoy.

I never realized before how much flowers contributed toward making a home look cheerfully. Cousin Abbie

and Lucy cultivate a great many. and almost every one who has land enough, has some. but in Middlebury I scarcely saw any. Even the pastures and roadsides seemed destitute of. nearly everything that could be called a flower. save thistles. Mayweed. and buttercups. It made me almost homesick to see so few. Jennie and Herbert made us a flying visit. but we saw so little of them. that we do not feel much better acquainted than before. I am glad they are so happy in each other. and that Herbert gives promise to be so useful. It is very pleasant to see professors active in Christs service. for there is much to be done and few to do it. and it is especially pleasant to have pious friends added to the circle of our relatives. I should love to look in upon you and Jennie at your homes. and see your little ones in their innocence and glee. Give them each a kiss with cousin Lucy's love. If I could see them. I should love to introduce them to some of their little cousins here. for I am sure they would love each other very much. Hope you will come to some of our family gatherings. and get acquainted with your

stranger cousins. for there are many who attend that I presume you have never seen. Mother is so strong and well that she does many things about the house, and I see no reason why she may not enjoy as comfortable health as she did before her last sickness. Most of our friends are well as usual, though some of them have had severe colds. and cousin Abbie is tired out from teaching. I hope however that she will be better soon She loves her employment very much and cannot be persuaded that it would be better for her to remain out and rest awhile-

Cousin George has not written me in a long time. and I am sorry not to hear from him. for I always prized his letters. and they used to do me good. I do not blame him though. for I believe that he likes his correspondents to be very punctual. and I am not such an one- We were disappointed that he did not visit here during his last vacation- And now dear cousins I must close. for the rain which has been pouring down nearly all day has ceased and I think some of going to the village with Uncle Otis- Mother sends ever so much love to you and Jennie and so does your cousin Lucy. Lucy Brightman has been in. and also sends love- A kind remembrance

Westboro July 31st 1863.

My Dear Cousin Nettie.

I was glad to receive your letter so soon, and assure you that yours are always welcome, though I am sometimes so long in answering them. And I thank you many times for the pictures. I wish all my married friends would send double pay. I have nine or ten pictures, and am hoping to have an album before long. I do not know of anything more acceptable for presents generally, than pictures of friends and when one is absent from home, they are truly valued. When your father came to Westboro; he brought a picture of your mother for each of the brothers and sisters, a present from George. We think it is very good. Uncle, aunty, and mother have been to uncle Halloway's today. Maria has been very sick with erysipelas and diptheria

Amma is also very sick. Hopes her little niece will be well soon. Mother and Hattie are well. Please give my love to her, and tell her I am not sure that I shall not come to Boston before Winter. Affectionately Yours Louisa E. Cowin

sore throat. but seems to be gaining, though she is very weak. Hattie closes her school next Wednesday. She is a popular and successful teacher. All uncle Harrison's family have been sick since I wrote you. but they too, are getting better. Albert has another little daughter, named Lucy Amelia, for me and its mother. Aunt Martha loves the little ones dearly, but finds it hard to have so much care. Susie still fails in body, but it is a pleasure to be with her, though she suffers intensely. She is uniformly cheerful, and thoughtful of others' comfort, grateful for every token of interest or kindness. She says that life looks pleasant, but is glad to commit herself to Jesus care, and wishes God's will concerning her to be done. Charlie has a furlough of ten days. She feels much more willing to have him in the army, now that he gives evidence of being a child of God. He and uncle Elmer have gone to Providence today. to see Merrick. George Otis was drafted from Boston, but will either

get a substitute, or pay the money. The rest of our friends are well as usual, so far as I know. My vacation will probably be three or four weeks longer. I have nothing in school of which to make a display, and have not a faculty to show off, had I ever so much material, but it seems to me a field of usefulness, and some one must labor with these poor children. They are mostly foreigners, who are poor, and have little or no home instruction. Sometimes, I get discouraged in my work. I see much to be done, and accomplish very little, but the promises of God's word are abundant, and He has helped me in my past efforts. What could we do, dear cousin, with all our cares and perplexities, if we could not look to Jesus? I have not the faith that I wish to have, and very often I try to bear my burdens alone, instead of casting them on Him.

Thank you for wishing to send me some of your roses. I would love dearly to have some of them, and should be equally glad

to send you some of ours. now in blossom. The bush on which they grow blooms three times, the last time. in September and October. Have not as many flowers as usual this season. though mother and Lucy planted a great many seeds; but few will amount to anything. Does it not seem good to have a day of thanksgiving appointed! I do hope it will be observed throughout the loyal states, and that we may not forget as a nation, to give God the praise. Hope Charleston will come into our hands before then. I should think you in Ohio. would be exceedingly glad of Morgan's capture. We are anxious to hear from Nancy Paine. (Johnston) as she was hoping to be able to come east about the time of the invasion of Pa. but with three little ones, and loss of property from being twice burned out. it was doubtful whether she could. Silas is a nice correspondent, and seems like a very promising young man. Am glad to hear that Jennie and her little ones are well. Please give my love to her, and all kindred for her & you

Wedboro, Apr. 10th 1864

Dear Cousin Nettie,

Your letter was most welcome, and for some time we had been thinking, how long it is since we heard from Nettie. But I know that you have many cares and duties, beside letter writing, and love you just as well, as if you wrote oftener. though I am always glad to get your letters. Every little while I go and get your picture to look at, and should have no objection to having its original, with her little family as near. Sometime, I hope to see you all, in heaven if not here. There is our rest; our home, and every day I hope is making us better prepared to dwell there. I get when I look at my own heart and life, and find it so far from what it should be, I am often led to feel that perhaps I'm not a christian, after all. But then I think that I can cling to no other hope than Christ, and I know that I want to be like Him. Since the new year commenced, I think

Affectionately Yours
Love to [illegible]

that I have enjoyed more of the Savior's presence than I often do, and I do not want to grow cold and careless. Union meetings of the different evangelical societies have been held since that time, three times a week, and in each society there have been some hopeful conversions. The meetings have been interesting and well attended yet on the part of professors there is a lack of interest and devotion in the cause of Christ, and I fear that we are not ready for a great outpouring of the Spirit. We are about to lose our Baptist minister, and the Methodist pastor has just gone, which seems unfortunate at this time; but we know that God can save souls and raise up all needed laborers for His vineyard. I wish that all our churches might be awakened to realize the responsibility resting upon them, and that the worth of the soul was realized. How good it seems to read of so many revivals, does it not? One of the most interesting seasons that Mt. Holyoke Sem. has ever witnessed, is noticed in our paper, and I've heard of it through acquaintances also. There were more than forty hopeful conversions within a few days, and all but three of the Senior class gave evidence of piety.

Two of these were anxious for their salvation, and com-
se. paratively a small number of the whole school, were
without hope. I think that it is remarkable that
d there is always so much interest in religion there, and
ion. yet it is not, when we think of the prayers offered
ed for this very thing. I'm glad that I ever went there,
and very often, there's a wish that it was best for me
t to go back. But I'm happy in teaching, and hope
in that I am a better teacher for my privileges there.
In a week or two, I commence school in the village
- boarding with cousin Henrietta, because mother
ls thinks that it will be too hard for me to walk so
. far every day, and I shall only come home two
or three times in a week, unless it is necessary.
I expect from 80 to 100 or more little scholars, most-
l ly between the ages of five and eight years. Do you
not think that I shall have enough to do? I dont
know how I shall succeed, but shall try to do as well
d as I can, and hope to have grace and wisdom
requisite for my need. Thank you, cousin, for remem-
d bering me, in my work, and do not forget me in
r your prayers this summer, for I feel that I have

...need of grace to ... ever. Mother is nicely, & I should not think of leaving her, for even a short a time. Uncle C...'s family are lonely, but seem cheerful, though I think they are quite anxious about Merrick. He has purchased a farm in Attleboro. Asst. Chas. Lisle had a furlough a short time since, and was at home a few days. He is well, and has improved greatly in appearance since he went into the army. He is 1st Lieut. in the 25th U.S. Reg't of colored troops, and is probably, ere this, on his way to Texas. Since he has arrived there, I do not think that he now cherishes a hope that his sins are forgiven, though he receives kindly, religious messages. Calvin is a recruiting officer in the Mass. 54th, and spends his Sabbaths at home; but I believe his Reg't expect to be ordered away very soon. Mattie spent a week at uncle's. Callie says a short time since, to keep uncle and aunt company, while the girls visit cousins Jane and Hannah. They have been gone several weeks, but Hattie returns soon, to begin school May 1st. Aunt Martha has been poorly this winter, having suffered much from loss of sleep, and a severe cold, but she is a little better now. She rest are in usual health, I think, though uncle Ellis begins to feel like a old man, and I sometimes fear that he will not be with us long. I do not know of any of our cousins who have died without hope. Jane was very happy, though unable to converse much, the last weeks of her life, for I did not see her as often as

Camp Pond
Westboro March 1865

Elyria, Ohio —

Westboro, March 10th, 65.

My dear Cousin Nellie.

"Writing soon" with you and me, generally means once a month; but I do not think that it takes so long for love to pass from one to the other, as it does for letters. We both know that the latter are thought much more frequent by them they are. Since I last wrote you, Mother and I have left our Wisconsville home, and purchased one of our own, in the village. We felt sorry to leave uncle and his family, and miss them very much; but it seemed best for us to make the change and we felt that it would conduce to their comfort also. Since uncle was so sick last summer, his times have been quite trouble some, so that he has been unable to do as he used to do, and has needed some care and waiting upon, which led us all to feel that a kind, strong man in his house would be a great comfort; especially, since uncle

always takes care of all the widows and orphans within his reach. Our new home is just at N. located in a retired, but very central part of the village, and is well-built, provided with fruit, cyder, water &c. The rent & the expenses of a family, so that we are not as lonely as if we were living by ourselves, and our friends feel safer about us also. March 15th. For the first time since we moved, I went to meeting yesterday. Cousin Albert and wife, with the two little girls came and carried me in their wagon, & there was quite a party of us. Uncle and aunty were as well as usual; Lucy was at cousin Hamilton's taking care of him. She overtaxed her strength a few weeks since, when Ma was sick, and though she has kept at work, much of the time, has not been quite well, and is now comfortably sick with fever. Mr. and Mrs. Green more unwell this winter than usual, but it is patient and energetic as ever, working when most people in his situation would be laid by. We live only two or three houses from her, and one or two from Hamilton; so that we seem

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often, and also the rest of our friends here. Albert
Lillie girls grow finely, and are pretty children, in
form and behavior also. Calvin has been trans-
ferred from the hospital at Washington to that
in Worcester, and is at home nearly all the time.
His foot heals rapidly, but I suppose that he is
liable to suffer from it breaking open again,
if he does hard labor. Do not hear from Char-
lie Emerson a long time, and know but little
about him; but I should judge that he was
no christian hope himself, nor does he give
any evidence of a change of heart to his friends.
He appeared well for a time; so did Calvin;
but I do not know as either of them manifest any
interest now, in serious things. I miss Lucia very
much; but am heartily glad that she died
before they became so careless. It would have been
such a trial to her to know that they were so. Mother
endured the moving well, and seemed quite
strong and well for much four weeks after we
came here. But one Sabbath, the church was
very warm, and the day was cold; and she
took cold, which has brought on her cough again

and the damp weather which we are having increases the difficulty very much. But when warm weather comes, that will be better. I expect to be in school again next month but shall have one two grades higher, than the one that I taught last year. The number of children in the village is so much greater than it was last year, that we have to open another school, and it is thought better to confine those I have taught before, in the higher grades, taking the new teachers for the younger scholars, as far as possible. I do not expect as many or as pleasant a school, as I had before, though my number of pupils will be much greater. But I anticipate much pleasure, nevertheless, as I can board with mother. I cannot write you of new religious interest in our midst, for though there seemed to be some feeling, it seemed to be no more than at the beginning of the year; and professors seemed to We wish there might be a better state of things but our own hearts need to be touched first of all, and then we may expect a blessing on others. If I know my own heart, I do not wish to be so much taken up in earthly things as to forget that I am reading etc. etc. The Sabbath before we moved to Flint it was, at any rate near that time, our pastor preached a very plain sermon from this text, "For he is not a God of confusion, but of peace, as in

Love from mother and myself. I remain your affl. cousin
Lucy G. Ford.
We also send love & kisses.

"Home," Feb. 5th, 1865.

My Dear Cousin Nettie.

I commenced a letter to you Nov. 2nd, and have several times thought that I should finish and send it, but being interrupted many times, I concluded to begin anew, and only mention it that you may see that intentions were good, long ago. I have remaining vacation, a little more than a week, which seems very pleasant, since the weather is so very cold, and our household are more numerous than usual, on account of mother's illness. She took cold last autumn and coughed some ever afterwards, until the second week of my school, when she was taken with a complaint, from which she often suffers, a bronchial cough, commenced. Both of these troubles irritated her very much, and she would lie for hours with a parcel moving. She has gained

rapidly for the last few days, so that she is about the house, and does some light work. We were fortunate enough to find a nurse, who stays with mother during school-hours, and by rising early in the morning, and working as fast as possible Saturdays, I did what work was absolutely necessary. I am less tired than I expected to be, and think that I shall be nicely rested soon. You have very likely heard of cousin Cyrus's marriage, which took place the evening before Thanksgiving. No relatives here were all invited, but none of them went, except Maria and Hattie. The bridal pair returned in the midnight train, and spent Thanksgiving at uncle Galloway's. Feb. 12th. Aunt Martha is so well that she has walked to see us several times since we lived here, and one day, she went to Annis, a little way beyond. Albert's youngest child is quite troubled about breathing, as he used to be, when a little boy. Charlie Elmer has received his discharge from the army, and is at work in one of our straw-shops. He is much improved, since he was at home last, and if he were only a christian, I think he

would make a fine man, though not so talented as Silas Rhine. All that he wants, so far as I can learn from those who have seen him, is piety. It is a great lacking, I know, and I do hope that he may be led to consecrate himself to his Savior. Anna and Janette gave uncle Elmer and aunty, a large, painted photograph of Susie, not long ago, which is very lifelike, and a great comfort to them. Uncle Otis and family are in usual health, but uncle grows to look, as well as feel, like an old man. Sadie Griggs comes in daily now to recite to me for a while in Arithmetic. Have'nt I given you the "news" faithfully? I've tried to, and wish that I could hear tonight as much of you and yours. It seems a very great while since your father has been here, though we hear from him occasionally through aunt Frances. She thinks that he sometimes writes in rather a sad strain. Do you notice it? I would love to see the hymns which she tells us he is writing. How cheering it is to hear of religious interest in so many places! The Spirit seems to be in some places near us,

and we are hoping to receive a blessing. One of our nearest neighbors, who is the head of a family has recently become hopefully a christian, and some young people seem to be thoughtful; but the general state of feeling is not as encouraging as I wish it was.

Did you ever read, "Letters to the Jones's" by Dr. Holland of Springfield? I am reading them now, and like much of it, but occasionally he, like some writers in the "Atlantic Monthly", throws out a slur against christianity, which destroys my comfort in reading it, in a great measure. As mother grows better, I hope to have more time for reading and study, than I have lately had. What a pity it is that people who can write like Dr. Holland, should abuse their talents, and influence the young so unfavorably in regard to good things. If great men would but be even good men also, how much they might do for God. I am troubled when I think of our President, for he does not seem to have the decision which is desired for one in his station. But I think that prayer for him will avail much, though I confess that my faith is not as strong, when I pray, as it was when I remembered Lincoln. I choose as my motto for this year, "have faith in God", and I hope that I may indeed exercise it. With much

Carrie E Sullivan
Worcester June 3
Elyria June 14
Worcester June 3rd.

Dear Cousin Nettie.

Perhaps you think I have forgotten that I have such a dear cousin, but I can no more forget it than anything else that is good, now I love what is good, and what I love I never forget. The prime reason of my not answering your letter before is I've been waiting for my photographs to be finished you asked for one, and as I supposed they would be ready soon I waited for them before writing, and have waited until now. I have thought some of visiting you this summer, but as the times are so unsettled, (though who knows

but Grant will settle things before July 4th three cheers for Grant!!!) and other things not quite as I want them, I have about given up the idea until another year. I do want to see your children very much. I have never seen any of your children, I think I should make them love me. for I should bring so much love to them they'd be forced to give me some of their little hearts. Children and I are great friends, I am very unsatisfied as to a belief in their total depravity. They are so near God and Heaven, how can they help loving the Good Father" and being fit for heaven! We have heard nothing from Bro. Isaac Samuel since March 20th. then he was at New Orleans. his reg't is at Fort Brown. Texas. Ike from he is

sick, as we have heard
that some of the regt suffered
illness
from change of climate, but hope
all is well with him.
June 4th A letter came from Sam
yesterday. He is back near N. O.
He did not write because he re-
ceived no mail, his address is
20th Regt U. S. Infantry N. O.
I send my photographs. They
are not handsome, but they
look awfully like me. I
should like yours and the
children's & Mr. Medcalf's also
I have never seen him. I
imagine how he looks; if
he looks as I imagine he is
noble looking. What are
the politics in your town?
We are for Old Abe, but down
on the Blairs. They want Sam
Cox, but not all his cabinet
I hope Fremont will not

let his name run as "Independent" I have always made a hero of him. and I do not want him to do anything that will be unpardonable. He will be accused of spite, or favoritism, I believe in S—'s policy. and hope Lincoln will adapt it to it in the whole, and practice it to the same in every State I think the country has suffered enough All I do hope the government will act righteously and justly by the Negro, so that we can have victory and peace.

Love to all

C E Putn—

P.S. Possibly I may inflict my company upon you this summer do you think you could endure it? C. E. P.

P.S. Again. I do think this letter looks very untidy. but you would excuse it if you knew how tired I was, just finished a week's work in debt; a mountain looming from it; & to be patient. C.E.P.

Pullman
Sept 21
1894

Monday Sept 21st

Dear Ivie,

I was so glad to get your letter last week, and was very sorry that I was not at home when you called. I was at school when you called, but I was home all the rest of the day. I am very sorry that I was not at home when you called, but I was at school when you called. I am very sorry that I was not at home when you called, but I was at school when you called.

I have been so busy, getting things going in school, answering letters that seem to be of no delay, or those I had long neglected to answer, and reading "Nicholas Nickleby", that really I have not had time to write you, but let me assure you I have thought of you many, many times and talked about you too, but had a distant feeling home, though I was glad to have visited you, yet glad to rest at home, happy that I was not to get up next morning for a ride all day in the cars. Tuesday at Lewiston was a

At first sight of the Falls I was disappointed, but as I looked it grew to be the "grand majestic Falls" and I felt I should like to kneel down before it and say one of those grand old prayers, I've so often read in a very ancient prayer book (not Episcopal) of fathers that how grand was God, how grand was man and how grand was Nature, indeed I experience no feeling of awe, or of my own insignificance, on the contrary I never felt so full of power I thought nothing was too great or noble for me to do (alas! alas! I wish it were always so) I seem to get a glimpse of what a glorious being man is capable of being. I was more impressed by power

looking at the rapids
that at the falls. To see that
irresistable taunt, that no
human power can ever
control, or use in any way
now or ever. I could but say
"How terrible!" There are many
things more I should say
about the falls if I were talk-
ing to you, I should speak
of the beautiful green of the
water, that charming island,
the point from Saati island
just as you pass to Lauae
island where you get the
best view from the American
side, but all these things
you remember, and know
about; I want just as you
do to go again more than
I ever desired to go before.

I suppose you are

having the nicest times with
Cousin Deinge & Fanny, I wish
I could see them, give my love
to them, I hope they are intending
to stop a[illegible] at Worcester on
their way home to attend the meet
ing of the American Board
I think mother will come the
I have seen your cousins
Lucy Bright & Abby Hatch[illegible]
since my return, they were very
glad to hear of you, All your
friends at Westboro are well
I expect to remain at uncles
for the present, aunt is sa-
ther crocheted just now, but
thinks of making a different
arrangement so that I can stay
with them, I do not know just
how it will be. Give my love
to Cousin Isaac and tell him
the yankees are as mighty
as ever, love to all the fam
ily, I do wish I could see you
all, I'd like to see our little
Annie, the sweet little mischief
& I could only see her!

Oh Dear! Dear! Cousin Nell
my hen does look so <u>awfully</u>
I am ashamed of it; but I can
write it over, I'm in a hurry
for I've such lots to write
tonight, and hardly I do not
like to write I am so careless
I do not believe it would look
much better. Also do excuse it.
I hope the day <u>will</u> come when
I shall make no mistakes, Good
night my dearest Cousin

Connie

Cousin Carrie
Worcester —

Parcent Feb 25. 1865.

Dear Cousin Nettie,

I am so sorry for you. How you have no mother at all. How dreary and lonely it must seem to you sometimes when you think I have no mother. It made me feel sad to feel she was gone and I should never see her there again for I learned to respect and love her instead very much on my visit at Elyrian, I felt she was a woman who showed her principles by her life, and she encouraged me to live righteously. I saw what she had attained and it made me strive to hope I too might be a noble christian woman. I shall always hold her in grateful remembrance for she did me good — Only when we think of ourselves can we mourn when such go to their everlasting rest. Yet why do we

this world yet with a strong love, still I don't
not look upon death as so dreadful a thing. There
is always a calm and peace in thinking the dear ones dead.
I like to think of the dead - where they are, and what they
are they doing? are questions I like to try to solve, although
I have never adapted any theory in regard to them.
Dear little Ann! how I wish I could see her. I can
see in my imagination just how the sweet mis
chief looked when she fitted up "Don & me" and the
nursery was in a fix too I reckon. Well you
must come East this summer and take Ann
with you. Now please do. Love to Mary
the student = does she remember our learning to whom
she used to read such pretty stories? And the boys
Earl & Wilbur are they well and good boys. I should
like to see you all very much, Mattie and Father
were in usual health when I [illegible] from there
last week. Grace is well and happy. Her sodery

known at all. they do not go from our love, their influence is still around us, we almost feel their spiritual presence sometimes — it is only their bodies that we miss — but ah! how we love the bodily presence of our friends, I do so long to see just to look once more at the form and face of some friends who have died. You have felt I know, darling cousin, you who have seen such near and dear ones go to grave. We must suffer in order to be perfected for happiness. Sometimes the thought comes to me "Some day you mother must die" still it seems so far off in the dim future. I am not disturbed by the thought. Never have I seen one die. I think it must be a privilege to see a christian die. It seems as if to me it would explain the mystery of death, somewhat. There is no terror in dying to me. I am not ready to leave this world. No, no. I love

has been raised $100. now she has $550. per annum
and I am having $450. per annum ——, and have to work
just as hard, well if either of us must have the better
fortune I'm willing it should be she. I have the
dreary job of hunting up a new boarding — place
My uncle says he will keep me no longer —, I don't want
to have a girl the family must be reduced, and although
he is a good uncle he is a better husband — and I
must be sacrificed, so I must look up a new home
God grant me the blessing of a pleasant one, also
good night dear Nettie and may God in his loving
mercy keep darrans far from you, and give
prosperity and happiness to your whole house,

Yours
Bessie L. Putnam

I suppose you think
I'm a
Republican
what a
mistake
I've made
all I was
Planned to
marry
God sent
us and
bless us
dear boy
Yes I'm
Democrat
my entire
family
are
Democrats
P.S.

Worcester March 23.

Dear Cousin Nettie,

I began a letter to you on the 5th but a friend came in an interrupted me, and so the time has gone until now, when I'll try again. I am very busy. It seems as if I had no time for anything. Don't you wonder what I can have to do, only myself to take care of, & I do. When I think of mothers like you, who have so much to do, and yet always do it, I really am ashamed of myself, and am resolved I will do more, and then it may be I'll have more time. I was very glad to get your letter, for I was quite anxious about you

I was on the point — writing to Hattie Le Hitt, to know about you She wrote something in her letter about "dear aunt Nettie is looking so pale" that made me very anxious. but I was expecting a letter every day, so kept waiting and did not write, I have been thinking some of leaving Worcester. I have stayed so long here I'm almost tired of it, get half desperate looking at, and seeing the same everlasting things but I have an easy position, a salary of four hundred per year and being somewhat influenced by the old adage "A bird in the hand &c". I feel rather disinclined to make a move, I am kinder lazy, whisper it not in Gath, I am a poor hand to make work for myself to do. When work is time and must be done, then

necessity makes me do it. I must have certain comforts, such as clean linen, warm, decent attire, food, & the like. So I work for them. Well it was a good thing for me that I was poor, and obliged to work. I might have been a miserable, useless being living an aimless life. Ah! well I suppose the life is such as it is just the life for such, we don't always like it though do we? I'm afraid you are so good you'll say yes Perhaps I shall be so some day. This term is our examination term, we get up a regular exhibition — for the examiners day. It is a great deal of work, but is expected by parents and committee, and we must do it. And I think the influence is good on the scholars, they know and feel that they are improving

once a year, if no more. Some people I know think children feel their importance. Full enough & full age enough, but I take the liberty to think that they get snubbed, full enough & full age enough. All the children, the children! What a might-y little set they are. Worth so much & yet so worthless. I like 'um any way. A letter from mother this week says they — father & mother — are well and have had a very happy, mild though it has been cold. The snow drifts piled high & kept them indoors almost all the time. They send love to you. I went to see Frank in Feb and took your letter for her to read, she was very glad to hear from you, and will write soon if she has not. I've not heard from her for a fortnight. Give my love to Hattie Dewitt

and tell her I am very glad she is so happy. I congratulate her on her engagement and that it meets the approval of her friends. I would so much like to see her, I have a deal to say to her, I think of her very often, indeed I think of my very pleasant visit to Elyria and the pleasant people I met while there every day and always with a wish I may some day see them all again. My regards to the grandmother, the little ones kisses & cousinly affection to the husband, don't know as he wants it; but then how is he to help himself if I like him as cousin Isaac. I suppose it is very pleasant to Mrs. Metcalf to have her sons Mr. Rich so near, & Charlie Rich is more than common interested in "the fair"

I like the baby's name, the little creature I would like to see him. Little Ann seems to believe in Transmigration, wonder what she was before she was little darling mischief — only think of it — had not had anything to eat for nine years! that case ought to reported to the medical faculty. Why like it — for a study. Time for supper, and I will post this to night — so

Adieu with much love

C. E. Tait

Sorry sugar he'll write as soon as he gets back to town

Dear Sister Nettie,

Sept. 27th

as I was never left. just arrived I exclaimed darling Nettie and Hugo as she read looking over my shoulder said Bless Cousin Nettie I do love her. I have intended to have written before; You know my besetting sin I put off things I think can be done anytime Uncle John has made us a visit We had a delightful time; we talked and laughed; we talked of politics, literature, theology and religion, discussed men & things. told jokes and laughed at them, take the whole thing in all it to pass it was one grand visit

Jane & I talked him about our visit to you — Does it seem a year ago? — We tried to induce him to go to Elgin this Autumn. But he thinks he shall never take so long a journey. He preached when he was there and we enjoyed very much. I am sorry he thinks of giving up preaching at present this year. Do you know Sam is at home? He has resigned his commission. He goes to Chicago to study for the ministry. He takes a three years course. He goes in Sept. So he has determined to settle at the West; he thinks it better to fit in a western theological C. School. He will make a profession of religion in this place next communion I think & is going forward at the same time.

I am so glad for Hattie Dear Will
I do love her very much
& love how it seems as if she
belonged to our family. She
is like a relative to me. I
rejoice that she comes East to
live, as I stand a better chance
of seeing her soon. Give my
love to her & tell her if she is
as happy as I wish her to be, her
cup of joy will be full. I am
glad the baby's name is
John Patten, sorry to hear they
has been so afflicted, I am
afraid she pares over her book
too much. Little Ann is my
darling yet- I love to hear
about her. What funny things "three
year olds" will say and think. Kiss
the happy face for me. It was
pleasant to be reminded of the
dates of his birthday. also am
gratified to learn that Hattie

Time is doing something
Ah Nett we are looking forward
to next Summer thinking if
all's well you will come East -
Uncle Jake spoke of it when here
Father & Matt send love and hope
they will have the pleasure of seeing
you. We shall want a good visit
with you, Give us as much time
as possible. That's what I mean by
"a visit" Time, Love, & me send
a heap of love. I tell you we three
have nice times It is real delight
to be together we have so much in
common. We harmonize. I often
think of my pleasant visit at
your home and desire it may
be repeated some day. Time
will write you in a few days
I shall be at home untill Sept 2nd
I do hope Hattie will write me
when she gets to Hartford. Give
my love to Cousin Isaac
Regrets to Grandmother. I suppose
she is with you some. yours
C. E. P.

Sam says he'll write as soon as he gets that letter

Worcester Sept 26

Dear Nettie,

If all's well brother L—. will be at your house a week from today. He leaves Worcester next Thursday, will spend the Sabbath at Rochester, start for Elyria Monday. Franc & I are wishing we could be there too. I reckon we'll have one nice time. The last of last week I spent with F—. at Cambridge. On Friday I visited Mount Auburn for the first time. I was quite delighted with it, much more so than with Greenwood. The situation of Mt. Auburn is more romantic & charming. I also saw Bierstadt's new

picture Mt. Hood in
Oregon. It was very fine
One of the finest things I
ever saw in Art, "Zenobia
— Miss Hosmer's — was grand
but Mt Hood was more to me
that the statue of the beautiful
& great Queen. I suppose
you have read in papers
all about the Centennial at
Dunbarton, and no doubt
wished to be there. I see
Cousin George was one of the
speakers. I think George will
make his mark — if he has
his health — as a public speak
-er. I am very happy to tell
you, Laura, that I united
with the church when I was
at home this summer. No
point in theology troubles
me now. I can believe
unbelief no longer has any

powe aiee me. I do nat
understand eaeything
hat I daubt no more. I suppose
Hatti De Witt, Seyland has been
heaet fam since bee in
Elysian. Whee did she go
an hea bidal tam? Who
accam paniect hea? Whee
is she now? I was in hapes
I — would see hea. I should
think they would miss hea
vey much at home. How
is little Annie. Have you
a phatageaph of hea that
you can spaie fa me?
I think you gave me one
ode — I was theae, but eithe
I did nat take it — ca have
misplaiet it. I think I laid
it on the shelf as to the back-
bee, until I should go to my
aom and in that way fagat
it. I want one ay much

I am glad you changed the baby's name. It is almost ten o'clock and I must write no more, for I want this letter ready for "Charlie" to take to the Post when he goes from here to the store Love to all. Write as soon as you can after Lis visit Give him all the good counsel you can think of. Lord in the

Carrie E. Pate

Lewis Cass
Aug 1: 1865

Worcester Dec 25th

Dear Cousin Nettie,

I hope all is well with you. I have thought of you a great deal lately, and have wished very much to hear from you. But I've been quite busy and somewhat indolent, I fear so that I've not written, I enjoyed reading your letter very much I got very much interested in those whom I saw while at Elgin and I want to keep up a kindly edge of their fortunes, I suppose you are having very pleasant times now, during the Christmas holydays I think such seasons are very pleasant in the family, the giving and receiving of presents, the happiness of the little ones &c. I wonder that all parents do not observe

such days: it takes so little
to make them pleasant and inter-
esting to children, to see hang-
ing all sorts of festivals, the churches
are trimmed, and everything wears
a holiday appearance. I like to
see it. I went to the Episcopal Church
this morning; the service was
impressive, all that was read or
sung was of the nativity of Christ.
How that event grew in solemnity
and importance as the services pro-
ceeded, and when one voice rose
above all the rest, in full & joyful
thanksgiving, singing praises to
God for his great mercy to us
in giving us a Savior, I felt
as I never felt before how great
was that blessing. I may not have
worshiped God any more than if
I had gone to my own church
and heard a sermon in which
there was no reference to the day

Dec

with the attendant puritanical services, I do not know but I should have worshipped as much but I think not with as much feeling, some would say sentiment! what do you say? Do you like the simplicity of our worship better than the formal worship of the Episcopal Church? Well I do want to see you all very much, it seems the longer the time since I was with you the more I want to see you, Has grandmother returned to you? I liked her very much, I do love old ladies that keep up an interest in the life that is about them, I do not live in the past. I mean when I grow old never to forget how to be young. How is my little pet Annie, Ah how I do love that child, it is wonderful. but no child I ever knew, even

stayed in my heart so long
I long so to see her so much
at times, that it seems as if
I must see her. I tell you would
not I go and see her if I only had her
love, I get attached to a good many
children, and while I'm with them
love them very much, but when away
from them I do not care for them
I'm always glad to see them, always
think of them pleasantly, but have
no special desire to see them, but
it is not so with Ami. Give my
love to little Mary and tell her
I should like to hear her read
also to Charlie, Wilder, Charlie Birch
Will Wilder I should like to have
him write to me. Next Sunday
I shall write to Hattie Babbitt,
she promised to write or I'll
[illegible] she might; I think the Babbitt
family Remember me to them
and to grandmother & cousin
Irene, Don't wait three months
before you answer my letter
I don't think me as scarcely as
that I do want to hear from
you terribly.

Carrie E. Patten

Worcester May 24

Dear Carrie,

I am delighted to hear that you are trying to come East - not on my own account but for those friends of ours who will see you and have a visit - for one, so far myself I am disappointed, for I had hoped you would come here in my vacation so as to make a visit of a week or two at my home, where I could show you how much I appreciated your attentions to me while at your pleasant home. not by doing as much as you did, but by doing all I could to make you -

visit pleasant— but I see by your plan of operations I shall have to wait a while longer before I have the pleasure of welcoming you to my own home. This time I must be thankful for small favors. I suppose you intend to stop one night in W——, on your way to C. H. I shall be very glad to see you & will do what I can to make the night pass pleasantly. I cannot tell now when I shall be boarding when you come— The place I mean now is only for the present until I can get a better, one more agreeable. So when you get ready to come the way for you to do in order to see me will be to let me know when you

are to be in Va — what train you come in DC. and
the — I'll meet you at the depot — DC. AVC. Va. I
meant to have written before but have not been
able to — I would like very much to see little
Ann, or any of the children. I suppose Mary is
no longer little Mary — I shall be glad to see
her, wish I was going to see you both more
My address now is care of H. D. Smith Esq
Love to all, yours in haste

Mr Vincent

Carrie E. Patton

Jr.

Milbury, March 18, 1878.

Dear Isaac,

Yours of the 5th was received with much pleasure. The "Dew Drop" has not been received yet & George is getting quite impatient to see it. But I suppose it will come sometime.

You did tell us quite a piece of news in that letter. It was only what I expected you would do sometime. & what I have no doubt is the <u>best thing to do</u>. We all approve here. & accept the testimony given that Miss Howes is

good, & just the one.

I think, with you, that it would not be best to bind any of your girls to the position of housekeeper, better that they should have their liberty & their girl-days to be girls in. They can never have them again & if they live, these heavier burdens & dearer duties will come soon enough.

I am glad the good Father has provided for you, at this time, so much according to the need of yourself & family. It is just like him, is it not? Ever is he doing such things.

We hope to have

Marion with us two weeks pretty soon now.

We are all well except just now. Fanny & May are both sick with colds.

We are having a big snow storm this morning. It commenced yesterday p.m. But, in spite of it, I had out a good audience in the evening to hear my lecture on the Curious Old Convent of Mar Saba.

This was the 8th lecture on Palestine.

I am making pretty thorough work of it & go slowly over the land. The next will be on "Hebron". I have not yet gone South of Jerusalem.

Yours truly - Bro. Evans.

You will, Dear Nellie, by the date of the 1st page, see that what your good father has written, ought to have gone with the letter, wh was mailed on the 19th but, by some of my heedlessness it was omitted: but, it shall soon be on its way, and the lace with it, and it is so finely worked, I know you will enjoy it much.

Last week we called at Mr Collins', Chancerton & Fullers'; there we saw Caroline & Mrs W— & baby, Name Alfred Davenport I think. Last Sabbath, 24, your father preached for Mr Sawin at Manchester; in the A.M. all the Danbarton people flocked on to hear him, Olive Matty Abby & all. Mrs Prescott too. She & almost every lady else had many enquiries to make after you. & much love to send. Among others Mr. Willey enquired for both of you. & said if he was restored from his present sickness Erysipelas & Typhoid fever, he was "Westward bound". For a day or two, he expected he should not recover. Your father asked him, how he then felt, & said he delightfully — still, willing to live, if God had more for him to do. Will he do for a West ern preacher? Will he be acceptable? Say what you think. Mr W— has been sick two weeks — Sarah is much better, but not well.

The Edging you will please accept as a birthday present. Claim it that day.

This week, Sat. we expect Jenny home; & next week George. The present term at Meriden closes on Tuesday next. George & Alfred are both looking towards Home; but not with warmer expressions of joy than Jennie. If you wish to know the price of the edging. it was 42 cents: narrow, 12¢. No. 9 wide. I hope it will prove it will do nothing towards promoting health yet. I hope it will reach you safely. Your ever affectionate Mother.

recitations upon the Stage. I think, too, she is making good improvement in singing.

I fear the "Glory has departed" from the Merrimack institute, now that the Russell family is gone. Mr. Eastman is soon to leave, & it is not known yet who can be obtained to take his place. An effort is making to get Mr. Jenney, formerly of Dembroke.

You express a wish that we might look in upon you, in your home, & see how comfortable & happy you are. It would afford us a very high degree of pleasure to do so; but deprived of this pleasure, we doubt not the fact of your real happiness. We can see it with the mental, tho' not with the bodily eye. We trust, too, you are useful, as well as happy. We rejoice that you can take so good a field of usefulness opened to you; that God is enabling you to do so much, in the Sabbath school, and other ways, to strengthen the hands, & encourage the hearts of his ministers. Hope you will both make it your great object, & chief concern, to make yourselves useful to the full extent of your power. This is one of the richest of all sources of happiness, — a consciousness of doing good.

It is quite an idea to have "the two mothers meet the coming summer;" one which I earnestly hope will be realized. I should be much pleased to behold the mother of the man, in whom the heart of my own dear daughter — as she declares — "trusts most entirely & happily."

You say Isaac, that "Nettie does the letter-writing almost altogether." Well, this is well enough, inasmuch as your duties are very pressing & responsible. But write as often as you can. It always adds to our pleasure to find a line from your own hand, as well as from that of your wife.

Very affectionately, your father,
John M. Putnam.

Dear A.

Remember your duty to God. Read some portion of his Holy Word every morning. Think of God's goodness to you and think of your sins against him. confess them and forsake them, that you may find mercy. If you can do any thing to help, or to please Dr. & Mrs H— do it with pleasure.

Your affectionate Mother

Miss Antoinette R. Brown

1836

Present Residence
Unknown

Via Boston & Nauvoo!

Miss Antoinette B. Putnam,

Lockport, Will Co. Illinois.

Yankee Settlement.

Sabbath Eve

Rec'd Mrs Taylor & Mrs Wingate

meant to have written for the thing itself for the present. Mrs W. said Susan never refused to take a part in prayer in their meetings. O how I long to have the girls do it here. Try to converse & pray if you have a suitable place with your Bible class girls individually. That you may be a means of bringing them to Christ.

How far are you from Juliet? Do you know any thing of there? I suppose he is Congregational, tho he may be Presb. te was in at noon said she meant to have sent some thing by the girls

Write immediately on receiving this, & tell me whether you are coming to Elgin or not. I shall be glad to hear from you.

Yours &c. A. L. C.

also, tho he will keep a Singing School here. He has a Commencement of the Teaching, Lately, which seems off to very well. He is greatly improved in his Manners, & the Ladies, the oldest & Sweetest, seem to be well united in having him keep a Singing School here this ensuing winter. If you have any thing to write to, do not wait, but write every fortnight. Brandon, Vt. May 1st 1845. Your affectionate Father, John M. Putnam.

Miss Andromeda B. Putnam,
Lockport, Niagara Co. Illinois.
Canada Steamer.

Paid

Should we not be able to forward you the Money before we leave, we shall be in Chicago, I expect, by the 10th of June, & can remit you from there. I am very anxious to see you & Mother & Sister, & hope you will be able to come home with us. Should you not be able to come, we shall leave Chicago on the 20th of June, & can remit you from there. Should you not be able to forward you the Money before we leave, we shall be in Chicago, I expect, by the 10th of June, & can remit you from there. I am very anxious to see you & Mother & Sister, & hope you will be able to come home with us. Should you not be able to come, we shall leave Chicago on the 20th of June, & can remit you from there.

I am glad you have kept a School & took that little excursion to visit the Eddy's family. It is well to improve such opportunities for relaxation &c. &c. &c. When you want a horse-back ride & cannot get a Side Saddle take a common man-saddle. You can soon learn to balance so as to ride on any saddle, or a blanket. Mrs. Hill, (Thomas' Widow,) told me that when I visited there last, she had ridden upon the mare, many a time, without a side-saddle. Only learn Heart & well, & you can ride any how. I would go to take Special pains to ascertain how much of the glandular disease they will catch & not be deceived. I am glad to hear that you are engaged in teaching. I am quite willing you should have Company occasionally, but they should not

(No 2.) one by whom we shall try to send your box. If we fail to send it by him, we shall give up the idea of sending it this fall. If he takes charge of it, it will probably arrive at Chicago in the first part of November. Should you receive a box fr. us, please write immediately on its arrival, & give us a list of the things it contains. We shall endeavor to send, (if we send any thing,) all I can have named, including music, drawing paper, rewards of merit, &c.

Two or three parts, & I will close. I attended another wedding at the house of Miss H. Stark, & married a Mr. Winslow of Boston to a Miss Sparhawk of Amesbury, cousin of Harriet E. Gee, $10,00 the most I have ever received at one time. Ma mother & I called there about a fortnight ago, & were most appropriately receiving, - portrait of the richest of plums & peaches, and had an [illegible] wagon loaded with nice apples, and a two dollar bill was clapped into your mother's hand as a present. Very kind inquiries were made after you, & regret expressed that you could not share with us in the products of the garden. Whenever, when we wrote, to remember them, offered in what I understand, about to be married to a Rev. Mr. Webster, I suppose the minister of Hopkinton, Mass. but do not certainly know but it may be some other man, but Webster is the name, & he is a minister. Mrs. Seminary, Esq. Clark's daughter of Hopkinton, I understand is about to marry Rev. Mr. Ward of Ashby, Mass. and take place of residence. Your cousin Jenny is dead - died suddenly, just before her death of reconciliation to God.

It is expected that Dana Kimball will [illegible] District School next winter, &

Hope Grandma & He are Amherst July 24 1896 —
well. Love to them.

My Dear Children,

Your dear mother has thought much of you, since she left home. She hopes you will be very still - and very good Children this holy sabbath. How does dear Henry do this morning? Your mother would rejoice to know - But as she cannot, she has prayed for you - and she hopes God will keep you from doing any thing that is wicked and will make you entirely well again. Perhaps if you are well enough today - you will read in your red primer. a line in "Though I am young -
"When I am sick, he if he please, Can make me well and give me ease." And I hope if you feel pretty well today, you and Antoinette will both think how very good God has been to you - and will thank him a great deal in your prayers. And will you not begin today to love God with all your heart? Then how you will love to think to think about him; how you will love to think of the blessed Saviour who said, suffer the little children to come un to me, and forbid them not.

I have just been reading in the Mothers Magazine for July about Elizabeth A. who died when she was about six years old. She loved to have people talk to her about the Saviour. about heaven - and about being good. This is the first letter your dear mother has written to you. Little George is well & happy. & sends love as well as he can to you all. A. B. Putnam

I think much of home, but feel a great satisfaction in committing all to our Covenant God. How sad & pleasant & hospitable day with Life & the Mother Master, & the precious Bible

Mrs. Lafayette Ellis
Winchester
Virginia

Dear Mother.
If nobody comes to tell us that Henry is very sick this evening, we expect to be on our way early tomorrow. You will call the Dr. when ever you think it necessary. May we all become more holy this Sabbath day.
C.A.R.P.

My Dear Daughter

When your mother is far away from you - perhaps you would like to think every morning - how she would like to have you spend your time - After you rise from your bed - and do what you know I wish you to do - Then eat your breakfast and work one hour - put your work & all things in place, & prepare to go to school. After school play or work with your baby things one hour every other day - Study the rest of the time or do what Mrs B. tells you to.

Your aff. Mother
A B. C—

P. S. Some night when Mrs B. thinks it best you may go home with Eliza Ann. C— and go and see George.

I hope you will do cheerfully and without delay any thing Mrs B. or any of the family wish you to. remembering that this is what will be pleasing to God and your own dear parents.
A. B. C.

Sabbath eve.

My Dear girl, I wish to add this afternoon. Text to your letter - for you to learn and practice while I am gone. Practice it in the family - and in the school - and every where. It will make you happy - and it will make your Parents happy to hear of it. Math. 7 12

Miss. A. M. Putnam
Dunbarton
N. H.

It is your mothers desire to have you read this every morning.
What is my first duty?
What next?

Dec 8 1839 Boston Dec 8th 1839

Amherst

My very Dear Daughter

I have attended meeting today twice in the morning & at noon & as well one can who is unaccustomed, the meeting house sometimes seems very warm. The subject was I believe a part of that given from the light of nature & Reason. You will recollect that we talked about the light of Nature last Sabbath evening — Do you remember what is meant by the light of Nature? When we wish to prove anything by the light of nature, we call all the proof we can from every source, except the Bible — Jean Paul's text was in Matth. 15 — first part of the 19 verse. He mentioned as proofs that God was kind or benevolent. That he had made every thing in this world so pleasant & so useful. That he had made us so that it was pleasant to walk — to eat — to exercise to labor — to see — to hear — to make use of all our senses — Do you do not think as that they all were (you can just ask your teacher) When he had said a good deal about these things — he said, if we ever went to heaven we must be benevolent, if we were not benevolent it was in vain for us to think of ever going to heaven, till we become so. I wish you my dear, to think & try to make every body happy — if they will then him they will be happy. And if we would be like him, we must do all we can to make others happy — all with whom we live & associate.

When I went into the nursery with little Henry this evening — he prayed that Antoinette might be a good girl at ct — till next afternoon that she might love to stay till next afternoon that she might come home & see him next evening"

And might my dear daughter

Sunday 9th you would be a very [illegible]

[illegible] and [illegible]

[illegible]

related a great number of interesting anecdotes, which you would have been delighted to have heard. I will tell you one of them. There was a drunkard who had a daughter about nine years old. (Seeing he was telling so much good daughter could do,) this man with his family lived up chambers. One morning he took his gig & went down stairs & out the door. His daughter ran after him, and as he was going out the gate, took hold of the backside of the gig saying, Father, where are you going? & am going also. Come, come, was his reply. Father said she don't go, don't go. You know how much trouble it makes mother when you get rum; don't go, father. Thus she stood pulling the gig - and pleading with her father not to go. till he let go of the gig and said he would never get any more.

Sabbath eve. 19th Two Sabbaths you have been in Amherst. This day too has been very stormy. I think you have not been able to go to Church today. But good Dea. Alexander sent his sleigh and I went. Miss Louisa was there, and about a dozen other females. Mr Reed from Mason spent the Sabbath with us, & preached today, One of his texts, even in the afternoon of judgment. His subject, the "great day" the Day of judgment. He mentioned the great preparation necessary to meet that Day. The great number who would be present. That Christ would then appear, not as the babe of Bethlehem, but as the judge of all. That all (each one for himself) must then give an account of all their wicked feelings words and actions - If they did not tell the whole truth, God would know it, and bring it to light before the whole universe. He said men were often disposed to make excuses for their bad deeds here, but no excuses would be made on that great day - every mouth will be stopped. He said, now, Jesus was Saviour and Intercessor, and was inviting all to come

to love and obey him. Ask he would
pardon your sins & take them away & would prepare
them to dwell in his presence in heaven

My dear daughter, we are now passing
over this great day, are we making suitable
preparations for it? You know that all our
comforts and pleasures will fail us, unless
that we possess those of Christ will always stay
from all sin, and now is the all who can say
forsake this sin, will love the Lord with all
and thy in all things to own Him. Dial your prayers
as this is the constant prayer of your affectionate
parents.

Ellen has remembered more about the
many things than ever before. Ed and Henry have
been very good to help me and yet their lessons
the last week. I hope George will be able to read
in the bible when you return.

The little girls have been in and taken
their presents. They had no meeting last week
as school was keeping, then seemed to be no
other time. They will either be dismissed at half past
three, or omit their meetings while school keeps.

I hope you will write much better
more correctly in every respect than your
mother does. My eyes are at present very
weak and considerably inflamed - so that
I can see but little - You will probably find
that some letters are only half made & so
that should be made not made at all.

All join in love from Grandmother down
to little George to you and each one in the
dear family with whom you reside.

Your ever affectionate Mother
A. W. Pitman

Dear Sir, I am excellent ... my
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Amherst

Dumbarton, January 1, 1840.

My dear Daughter—

On this first day in the year, my thoughts have been much turned towards my beloved child who is absent. I have felt an intense desire that she might give her heart to God. & how delightful would it be, to reflect that she had commenced this new year with a new heart; a heart truly reconciled to God, and supremely devoted to his service. If you have not, my dear daughter, yet made the consecration of yourself to God, will you not do it without delay? You are indeed young, but you are old enough to love your Savior. You have knowledge enough of his character & perfections, to know that he is altogether worthy of your love, and I entreat you to give him your heart, without delay. Will you in your next letter, let me know something about your resolutions on this subject. Nothing would afford such joy to your parents' hearts, as to have evidence of your being truly a child of God.

We shall expect another letter from you this week, & I can assure you, that although not a long period has elapsed since we heard from you, yet no letter would be more acceptable from any source, than one from Antoinette. You will of course perceive that we feel a very great interest in you, & are sensibly alive to whatever relates to your welfare. Your first letter pleased me on several accounts. In the first place, the penmanship was decidedly better than I had been accustomed to see from your hand. There was an improvement also in your spelling; and, if I mistake not, your manner of expression was better. Both is usual for you. There was an ease about it, well suited to letter-writing, & the words were in general well chosen. I thought when I read your letter, that I would not value composing you to Amherst, if it were only to stay one fortnight, for the improved appearance of your composition. Certainly your beloved teacher deserves a great deal of credit for this— she must have bestowed on you unwearied attention.— I was gratified to learn from your letter that you were contented & happy. This is what I expected. You have such affectionate & kind friends about you, I could not believe it would be otherwise. I deem it a cause of great gratitude and thanksgiving to our heavenly Father, that he has opened the way for your enjoyment of such precious privileges the present winter; that he has cast you among such good & kind friends — who are so able & willing to assist you, in all that appertains to your education, & the formation of a good character. In your dear teacher, we have the utmost confidence, and doubt not she will seek with intense solici-

itude the promotion of your best interests. I earnestly hope that, as you are favored with this rare opportunity, to make improvement, you will daily strive to make all the improvement in your power. We shall dislike no expense which may be incurred in your behalf, if we can only see in you that improvement which we desire. We are willing to make great sacrifices for your good. and we hope & trust you will avail yourself, to the best advantage, of your present peculiar privileges. Remember that time is precious, especially when one is forming, as you are now, a character for life; — each moment, as it passes, has a bearing on eternity, & a tendency to fix your eternal state. O, then, let each moment be wisely improved.

From your affectionate father,

John M. Putnam.

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are so con- [illegible] have all my anxiety [illegible]
a letter from you. as correct & [illegible]
& us. on all subjects as ever [illegible]

24 Today we have attended the great wedding (as grandma expresses it) of Miss Letitia Simon. There were about 20 guests from town, exclusive of the family Miss Thank & Mary Ann Caldwell & Miss Lucia H. Pitt from town. There was nothing very splendid about it, and nothing uncommon except what some might call an old fashioned, salutation of the bride. I believe there were 7 of Mr. Hunt's children there; they, and several ladies & some of the gentlemen saluted the bride with a friendly kiss. I have a bit of the cake for my dear daughter, & shall send it to her if an opportunity is presented.

31st The year has risen & set for the last time in 1839. And, what good resolutions have been made by my precious daughter for the new year? The first and great important of all is to resolve to be a child

of God. How kindly God speaks to those who choose to serve him, "ye shall be my sons and daughters".—

Jan. 3d 1860.

Last New years evening (being prevented by the great abundance of snow, from having a general prayer meeting) a few of our dear neighbors came in to the vestry and we had a prayer & reading meeting. We read what I think Mrs. C. your teacher, would be delighted to read. The "Correspondence between the Maine Convention and Southern Presbytery" published in the Christian Mirror. She might probably obtain the Papers of either Adams or Mr. Boyden.

What little Misses have you become acquainted with? How much do you play? Let it never be said of A. H. C. that in playing she became offended, because she could not play just what pleased her best. I do not think you my dear, will give occasion for such a remark, yet remarks like this have sometimes been made about little girls.

Your dear father has made every thing so convenient and is so accommodating that I do not get very tired at all. Henry has succeeded very well in doing housework. George says I must say that he brings in wood. He brings up potatoes &c. They both improve in reading. He said as he was about to retire I must not omit to tell you that he had learned 14 verses in the bible.

What is the occupation of the man who lives in the same building with Mrs C—?

Do your heads trouble you any?

Have you the tic Headache any?

We should like to have your teacher inform us what next letter. If it will take too much of your time to write to us, Louisa tho, you may omit writing to us, for once. We a little expected a letter today perhaps it will come Monday.

Grandma has not been quite as well as usual for two weeks. she said I must tell you she thought a great deal about you. We all do wish to see you, but

we rejoice that you are with so kind ~~[illegible]~~ friends, & where you can be so comfortable this cold weather. It is a great blessing to have good, Christian friends. Strive my dear girls to merit their affection. There is no way to secure the affections of the virtuous & good, but to be good & virtuous ourselves & amiable ourselves.

Your ever affectionate Mother &c.

Miss Victorine M. Putnam
Amherst.

Care of Miss Lucretia Chandler

Dunbarton N.H.
Sunday 4th

Feb. 1st 1840

Amherst Cumberland Co., Jan. 31. 1840.

My dear daughter —

I continue to be much pleased with your very obvious improvement in chirography & the art of composition, and still more, with the affectionate tone of your letters and the tenderness of feeling you manifest in relation to the all-important subject of religion. These are causes of pleasure to your dear parents, which outweigh all the sacrifices which they are obliged to make, in order to sustain you in your present situation. I feel that there is abundant occasion for devout gratitude, in view of that kind Providence which has placed you in circumstances so highly propitious for mental & moral improvement. I shall always remember with affection & gratitude your dear teacher, who, I am sensible, from the evidence your letters exhibit, must have devoted herself to the instruction of her little pupil, with uncommon earnestness & fidelity. The other dear members of the family also, I doubt not, are continually exerting a salutary influence over you, in refining your manners, improving your habits of life & wonding your spirit to the true standard. I trust, my dear daughter, you do, in a good degree estimate your privileges, & that you will strive to make all the improvement in your power.

And now let me entreat you once more, with all the earnestness & affectionate solicitude which a father's heart can feel for a dear & only daughter, to make the salvation your refuge without delay. I assure you that it caused a throb of peculiar delight in my bosom, to have you say, that you "think much more upon religious subjects than you ever did before," & that you are "resolved to strive to become better daily." But remember, that altho' it is well to resolve, yet this is not all that is necessary. Read the parable of the prodigal son, in the 15th Chapter of Luke. You will there see how, if any thing is done effectually, resolution must be followed up by action. "I will arise," — says the poor, destitute, starving prodigal, — "I will arise, & go to my father." But suppose he had stopped here, by merely resolving. Would he ever have been relieved from his wretched condition, & restored to his father's embraces? Never. He would still have remained with the swine, feeding on husks, notwithstanding all his good resolutions, had he not carried his resolution into execution, by actually arising & going to his father. And just so with you. You must carry your good resolutions into effect or they will be only as witnesses against you, proving

ing that you know your duty, but did it not. Set me on treading then, to give yourself up to God without delay, and enter immediately on the active duties of the Christian life. You are none too young to do this. You will find it easier to decide the matter now, than at any after period in life, that as for you, you will serve the Lord. "Behold now is the accepted time; behold now is the day of salvation!"

Your affectionate father,

John M. Putnam.

Feb. 1. 1840.

My Dear daughter,

It will not be necessary for me to repeat what your dear father has expressed in relation to your improvement, or our feelings of gratitude towards towards your worthy teacher, and the other kind friends with whom you are placed, as, on these points our views and feelings fully correspond. I may say the same in reference to the expression of your feelings on the subject of religion; the least indication of the special operations of the Spirit of God on your heart gives us joy, and encourages us in going to "our Father in heaven" to plead his precious promises to believing parents in behalf of their children. I often think of what God says in the 2d Commandment, "visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the 3d and 4th generation of them that hate me; and shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me and keep my commandments. O how great is the kindness & mercy of God! but it will be shewn only to those, who love him and keep his commandments. This is what your parents wish you to do without any delay; and in doing it you will find a great reward.

Last evening we were at Capt Whipples. Our bible conference was held there. Our lesson included

the 29 & 30 verses of the 5th chap. of Matth. "If thy right eye offend thee, pluck it out and cast it from thee." (you may read the verses) The right eye & hand were explained, to mean beloved sins. Sins which we were inclined to commit — and from which it was most difficult for us to break off. That is, it would be as painful to cease from them, as it would be to pluck out the tender, precious eye, or cut off the right hand. Offend, it was marked, in the bible meant injure. So, that if we were living in the practice of any thing which was an injury, or which prevented our serving God, We must forsake it; and it would be profitable for us to do so, however great the sacrifice we must make to do it.

Henry wishes me to let you know that he would be exceeding happy to have you write a few lines to him.

I think H. and Ge. are both softening a little in their manners — growing a little more affectionate — & improving some in their studies. A part of their exercise is to go from snow-bank to snow-bank, sometimes knee deep or more, with one, two, or three little sleds, which Henry has made.

Have you enough exercise? I sometimes fear you have not, or not enough in the open air, as it has been an unfavorable winter for walking abroad.

Grandma is still feeble. She has not been at meeting or out any where more than once since you left home. She says I must tell you she thinks much of you and the dear family where you are.

One word to A. J. L.:

Your affectionate mother
A. B. Putnam

Dear Sister Lucretia

So we visit, it is often said, "I wish Miss Clarke would come here and keep school. She might have a good school, more would attend if she should keep, than if any one else should." And something like this added. She could do better somewhere else!" "I should not dare to ask her to come here — she could do so much better!" We wish it could be so but do not expect it. Yours in love

A. B. Putnam

Ps I hope when you return I shall have one to make and or ... I a pen when necessary. Your Father finds it very diff- for him to make his own, now.

Dear Mountain Mill
Feb. 19th

Miss Antoinette L. Putnam
Amherst

Mass.

Feb. 17 1840 Dunbarton Feb 17 1840

My very Dear Daughter,

We never suppose that your address is your mother alone, because you felt any preference for her; but, merely, because she had heretofore been the only parent to address you. You probably know that it is rather painful to your dear father to write, and as he has so much other writing necessarily to do; he puts almost all the letter writing on mother; and though she is a poor substitute for him, yet she seldom performs this labor reluctantly. Your father & mother both love you; think of & pray for you, and are willing to do anything to promote your present & future good. We rejoice to learn by those kind friends who have called to see you, that you look in good health, and happy.

You, my dear, have great cause for gratitude for so many kind relatives & friends. You have special reason to be thankful to our Heavenly Father, that your friends are praying friends. such friends not only wish to promote respectability and comfort here, but they "care" for your "soul". Let it be your constant aim to be worthy the affection of such friends. And what will make you worthy their affections? Nothing, my dear, nothing but obeying God's commands.

Mr Daniel Perkins died last Monday
evening. He had been more unwell than usual
for several weeks, but walked to the barn just one
week before the day he was buried. He expressed a great
desire to obtain religion when he thought he must die.
But we cannot tell whether he gave himself up to God
and obtained it or not. He said he pray for mercy and
he desired others to pray for him. But, my dear daugh-
ter, if the concerns of the soul are deferred to a dying bed,
there is very little opportunity to give evidence of Love
to the blessed Jesus. Youth and health these should be
given to God. "A living sacrifice when offered in the bud"
"Is no vain sacrifice."

Friday morning I called to see Mrs Perkins, she is
deeply afflicted. Little Mary said she remembered
Antoinette. I asked her if she would like to send her
love to her; she said yes, ma.

Grandma remains feeble, she reads some.
but I have not heard her sing for a week or two,
or three weeks since she read the Hymn beginning

"And let this feeble body fail,
And let it faint and die" and I believe,
sing it through. She is happy, because she is
loves God and therefore it does not make her unhappy
when she thinks her body must soon faint & die.

We expect to send this letter by private conveyance
Perhaps Miss Marianna Caldwell will call on you on
her return from Nashua. With this I shall send you a little
bundle. We all join in love to you. Regards to Mrs C. & daughters
Your affectionate Mother A. Kittredge.

Miss Antoinette B. Putnam

Amherst

N. H.

P.S. Your letters which have been mailed Monday do not arrive here untill the next Friday. you had better mail them Saturday. then we should get them Monday.

Your dear father has lately purchased a ~~half~~ ream of very smooth ruled writing paper, & sends you some. You will observe a mistake in folding this letter. The ruled page should have come outside.

My Dear Nette,

I am pleased to learn that you have so pleasant a companion. I hope you will be great blessings to each other. You are both ministers daughters and I trust both feel that you will sustain the character of your parents by keeping your own unsullied & bright. Whatsoever things are lovely, I trust both will practice. You are (I believe) both only daughters these little circumstances may be reasons for mutual attachment. which may strengthen & strengthen - till you become sisters in Christ. Tell

Miss Rogers - when she writes
to her mother - Please to give my
kind regards to her and tell her
I shall think much of her in
view of the sickness of her dear
son. I hope it may yet be the
will of God to spare him. I hope
he has laid up his treasure in
heaven and is ready to go and
take possession whenever the
Savior calls.

Your father saw Mr. Chadwick
today - he thought he should like
Frances. I expect she will go there
next week. I hope she will do
well.

Dr. Colby is about moving from
Keene to Otis.

Your father called at Mr. Moore's
house when in Con. and Mrs. M.
gave him a pressing invitation to
bring me there. She also wished you

to call and see her. I hope you will. She is probably as near your age as mine; and an acquaintance with her may be very useful to you.

Do you want any summer clothes? I will send you your pink dress — and your summer ribbon. If you have any great mending or washing — you can send it to me.

April 9th just received and read your letter. I suppose it will be next to impossible for me to go to Concord, or any where else, for the present but, as you will see, your father has provided for you to come home. ~~That is what you about my about~~

home and spend Sabbath. Do you have any more lessons

than Sat. after noon? I do not know what I shall do about my shawl. Pray for your room mate - speak to her for of the realities of eternity.

Yours,

Miss Charlotte E. Richmond

Oregon

Mon P.M.

My Dear A.

Betty washing is
done & house in tolerable order
Ths. I have not felt quite as
well as usual yesterday & today
Please send that cape if
you do not want anything
more of it, by your father
who has gone to Pitsfield
to attend court; or will be gone
soon. He will probably
return Wed. & call on you
there.

Yours ever affectly

Concord

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Miss S. B. Putnam
Concord.

I thought of you my dear brother and I wished that you might make Christ your friend and love and to die happy and be happy in eternity for a happy death and a blessed eternity

Dear A. I said you work. We have read from Henry by letter. He is well. Attends the high school in W. last winter. Grandma has been sick, but is better. Henry wishes very much to have you write to him. Write what you wish to H. & send it to us the first opportunity, & we will write more on the same sheet. If Dr. C. cannot board you, you need not trouble yourself about any other boarding place at present.

In great haste, Yours pastor,

T. M. Watson

Love for us all.

P.S. Please write by Capt. Kimball. We pray that you may enjoy school, Miss Chadbourn &c, & what studies you attend to. Write us. We have received the papers you sent.

Miss A. B. Hutchins,

Concord, N. H.

My very Dear Daughter,

you will, I trust remember the two words. Fear God. and you will not forget what I have told you is implied in these two words.

When you rise - pray. never omit it. Then watch. Watch over what you think - watch over your words - watch over your actions. When you are particularly exposed to temptation, pray. When you feel an inclination to levity or rudeness - pray. When you feel inclined to sadness or depression, or undue grief - retire and pray. And sing some of the sweet Psalms of Watts or Newton. When you see the sun about to leave this Hemisphere, and day departing. place yourself, again under the ~~protection~~ covering of protecting your heavenly Father's ~~protection~~ Love is the only place of safety.

Hair
Face
Nails Friday
Mend -
Heat -

Antoinette B. Putnam

July 19 1841

Keene

Dunbarton, July 19, 1841.

My dear daughter—

I write a line now just to inform you that the arrangement made for getting you home has failed. Mr. Perry Peck, whom we expected would bring you, when he came to Dunbarton for his sister, Mrs. Peck, has informed Mrs. P. that such are his engagements he cannot leave home. In consequence of this failure, I shall, (Providence permitting) come myself for you on Monday, the 26th inst. I expect to preach at Henniker next Sabbath, which will carry me one third part of the way there, and enable me to get to Keene pretty early in the afternoon on Monday. I regret exceedingly that your mother cannot accompany me & make a visit at K. but your dear grandmother requires her attention, & she cannot leave. I have many things that I wish to write to you, but the man who will carry this to Concord to mail it, is just ready to start, and I must come abruptly to a close. My object in writing, is to relieve your mind from the state of anxiety & suspense wh. you

would otherwise feel, after finding that Mr.
Hewitt did not come on Friday, agreeably to the
arrangement wh. your mother had communi-
cated to you in her last letter. We all
send much love to you & our dear friends
at P. especially our very dear friends, with
whom you now are. We feel exceedingly
grateful to them for all their kindnesses to
our dear A. & hope they will have an abun-
dant reward.

Your very affectionate father,
John M. Forbes.

Miss Antoinette B. Putnam,

Keene, N. H.

(care of Dr. Colby.)

June 3 1843

Recd.

Newburyport June 3d 1843.

My Dear Daughter

Seated, once more in our pleasant kitchen, I hasten to perform my engagement to you, as you will wish me to begin at the beginning - I will say, your dear father and I had a pleasant ride from D. to Exon. where we stopped and dined at Mrs. Clarke's. & found no one there but Miss Le and her mother. They appeared very kind, and sent love to you, and expressed a wish to have you come and make them a visit. Mr. Taylor's family do not live there. Miss Laitlia is still at Portsmouth. Mr. Savage is dismissed, and supplies them for a few weeks. When he moved, his wife was so feeble, she was carried on a kind of bed, to chaise. I think we ought to pray that ministers and people, may learn to love each other more, and treat each other better than many of them do. This is a world of imperfect beings - we must love them notwithstanding, or we cannot be happy or useful.

We next went to Hollis - there I met Miss Rebecca Taylor - a good friend from Amesbury. She wished much, she could see you. Monday morn, we rose early - rode to Groton, and took breakfast with Mrs. Farley & family. They as usual wished to see you. Miss Rice sent you a little shovel & pot. Five or 6 other little presents from cousins &c must lie in the cupboard and wait for your returns.

A letter from Lucy - and a billet from Maria, I shall send to you, if there is any private opportunity.

I received
I gave
and letter
Amesbury
family
I wrote
home
with
a letter
Whitcomb

From G— we went to Harvard. dined at Mr Fiskes, and then took tea with grandma Brigham about 6 Oclock. We found all friends in comfortable health. Thursday P.M. We, with all the brothers and sisters and Father & mother took tea at your Uncle Ponds. Nancy P & her baby brother were there. We read the 13 of 1 Cor. sung "While the I seek" — and your Uncle Otis led in prayer. and what seemed most pleasing, when we sat down at our simple repast, (good bread & butter, Nuts and one kind of cake) your grandfather now 81. years old, with great propriety, craved the blessing of God. Our covenant Jan. 7th. you were not present on this interesting occasion. your, with the rest of the children's children were tenderly remembered in our supplications at the throne of grace.

Your dear brother Henry went with us to his Uncle Aaron's in Douglas. He had a pleasant time with his cousins, William & James Elizabeth husband is brother to Mr Leonard Parker's wife who died last autumn. They live in the same house with your Uncle.

Your cousin Hannah lives at uncle Otis's doing housework. she has 100 per week. — We spent the next Sabbath at Framingham. All well there. They would like to have you go and board there and go to their academy with Lucy. If Dea Wingate has not engaged a family teacher. we are going to try to have him have Elizabeth and if she comes. we think you will be one in the Deacon's family. Monday we took Uncle D's wife into our carriage & went to Boston. (Br. D. went in the Cars.) We found friends well there. but your father took cold and was not able to attend one meeting. I was fearful he would have a fever. but nursed him as well as I could. and Thursday at 12 O Clock

we turned our faces homeward. and driving about
4 found ourselves actually at our own peaceful fireside.
Today your father is very weak — and tho. he hopes
to be able to preach tomorrow. or rather he expects
to try to preach, I fear it will be very difficult.
To keep him more secure from the cold air, I was
driver most of the way from Boston to Groton.
Charley did nobly till he arrived in Boston — after we
came out we found he had lost his appetite & some
of his spirits — we thought the Boston water did not
suit him.

The few meetings I was permitted to attend were
very encouraging to the friends of Zion. The minis-
ters appeared more spiritual than common, and
I think did feel their dependance on God to bless
their efforts to promote his glory. O my dear
live near to God. Wherever you are, keep near to
the Saviour — and he will fill you with joy and peace.

I hope you will be in some measure useful to
aunt L. Tell us, when you write if she wishes you
to stay while aunt D is gone. She must be frank and
tell you plainly. Give much love from your father
grand mother & me, to aunt D — br. & sister. also to other
friends. particularly Mr & Mrs. B. I found things in
very good order at home. which speaks well for my
housekeeper. Your father think. I have represented
him as being more unwell than he is — and wishes
me to say he has only a very bad cold & thinks he
shall in a few days be well as usual.

Your very affectionate mother
A. B. Putnam

in haste as usual

Dunbarton ct N.H.
June 3.

Paid 10

Miss Antoinette B. Pettingill.
Keene
Care of Dr. Colby.
N. H.

June 18 1843

Keene

Dunbarton June 18 1843

My very Dear Daughter

We were much gratified with the contents of your letter, and think it best to keep up a correspondence, somewhat frequent while you remain in K. We still cherish with tender emotion the kindness of those beloved ones in Keene, to us, when we were strangers in affliction. And, my dear child, I wish you to reflect on the great privilege of having your lot cast among those who are respectable, virtuous, pious. This has ever been my privilege; and I desire to raise my heart continually in grateful praise to God, for it. It is not my dear girl because we at all merit such a favor, and I trust, when we reflect on it, we shall both feel, that it is the mere mercy of God that has given us existence in so favorable circumstances. We are the descendants of those, for many generations, who have professed to love and fear and trust in God. How much good we are receiving now in answer to the prayers of our grand parents & great grandparents we cannot tell — or how much their angel spirits are about us here, to guard and protect us from evil. But since God has in his mercy given us the privilege of associating so much with the wise and good, we should remember that we must give an account for the use or abuse of this privilege to Him, and

my dear Child, consider the privelege you are now enjoying as a great talent committed to your occupancy, and to which you ought to add as much as you possibly can. Tell me in your next what good or new ideas you have received from a call, a visit, a lesson or from the common conversation of the day.

I was very happy that you entered the S. Sch. immediately and that you have so good a teacher. I hope she will find in her additional charge a good scholar. I do not know as it would be wrong to wish she might be the "best" in the school" - for surely, those who have the best teacher ought to be the best scholars.

I hope Aunt Polly will conclude not to pass by Dunbarton without giving us a little call - tell her she must come and spend a day or two here as she goes or returns. I think she will do wrong if she does not. Sarah came took no point box today. if I had not been so engaged as hardly to speak to her, you would have had some love from her I presume. Hannah & Susan & came in Sabbath eve to get their lessons. and O what a precious season we had yesterday at the bible Class. the first part of the 12 chap of Rom. & I feel that we are all members one of another, of one body Christ is the head. I think I do in some measure feel this - & that I may feel it more and more -

We are trying to get up a sch. in the Vestry for your cousin Elizabeth H. But I fear we shall not succeed. If we do, it will not commence before we expect you to return. Ma is very sick[ening] there. I know not how it will be - I have had a very severe cough for a few days - little better today - so bad last Sab. that I did not go to meeting. and since I have been writing this page I have coughed till the tears streamed down - but I think I shall soon be ....

Did not you mean to have taken another Petticoat? I fear you have needed more clothes.
Your Umbrella - to

Dear Sister Colby,

We are pleased that A. can be in any way useful to you, hope she will be increasing in so while she remains with you. We tender our most sincere thanks for all your favors to her. We will let her remain till Aunt J. returns, tho. we feel rather lonely without her - Bro H. no Bro. Geo. no ch. When we come round the family altar - no singing. (since I have coughed so much no attempt to sing) We hardly know where we are. But ch. H. & G. are before us, and we commit them to him who is able to do much better for them than we can - and we have so much confidence in the friends with whom they are that we believe it may do them all good for a time to be thus separated. Like to our children who "are not, because God has taken them" and who would have been company for us "Let us rise and commune and dwell with them, and with him who has taken them, and we shall not be lonely, tho. we see them not. They may be doing us more good now than they could do us here in their bodily presence.

Husband says he can not now determine about delivering an Address or Lecture His health seems now improving. He had help last Sab. etc & is now visiting his people Old Elder R. Bailey expects to offer himself for examination to the Ch. at our next meeting. He does appear now to give evidence of piety - you may recollect that he has had a hope for years, which brought forth no good fruit that we could see.

What house will be open to a Mr. R. Lecture? We hear of one man who went to R to lecture on S. and when he got there there was no place for him. How does Mr R feel on this subject. Would he wish, or approve a lecture. Would he be likely to attend one? Have they any Soc.? If not

Would they be likely to organise one? How extensively have they read the Friend of D— or etc.?

It is I think barely possible that husband may be able to prepare & deliver such a lecture - Mention some particulars in your next, which may strike you as most important, if he should. I dare hardly think of journeying with him, tho. I greatly desire it. Remember us most affectionately to Br. Hunt & other friends, and take a full share of love from all yourself.

Paid 10

Mrs. Lydia Hunt
Care of Wm. Hunt Esq.
Newburyport
Mass.

Ayland's expression, before he left I believe, was send a "great deal of love from me."

Yours as ever A. B. Putnam.

June 24

We expect to have some kind of entertainment on the 4th of July. Expect it will be a Temperance celebration & I suppose that will be quite tiresome to the children. Mother says she thinks & does Dr. Hall's examination must be a little altered as the ones of us. We write is a three fold cord & it cannot be so. Kind remembrance to all the friends. H. B. P.

A little more for mother. I have found no such folks as they was, since they went away. & what meetings we had together!

A you must correct this I can not stop to do it. Don't expect any more from me under two weeks.

Dunbarton June 24 1860

My Dear Daughter,

Our frequent communications seem to bring Keene very near to D. Your being there brings all the rest of our dear friends to mind very often. Tell Mrs. Barstow I have thought much more than usual about her & her family - her dear children; Tell her I wish to know how William's eyes are, Mrs. Hatch told me he suffered very much from them and was unable to study. I sympathise deeply with any, who suffer from weak or inflamed eyes. How are yours?

I expect you will obtain a much better knowledge of the Genus & species of plants than you have had before. We feel much indebted to the Dr. for his instructions. Make every effort you can to fix all the information you receive, deeply in your mind. & while you are so closely examining those beauties of nature, I trust you "Look thro. nature up to nature's God" and wonder, and adore that matchless skill, which is manifest in all his works.

Perhaps, my dear A. you, you pronounced, Shame on Dunbarton, rather too emphatically. You may not be aware that when I first came here, there was a Soc. similar to the Fleshbon, organized - and feebly sustained a few years; and great efforts were made by some to sustain it longer. But the people live at so great a distance from each other - & so that it was found next to impossible. And, at length it was relinquished. With great reluctance on my part. Should you meet with the Fl. Soc. again, it might not be use

to expect to give a reason why no such society exists here. Those who have always lived in villages, and those who have accommodations for riding at their pleasure, know not how to apologize for Dunbarton's not having such societies. Another thing, most of the young ladies, instead of being supported by their parents, and away at factories - or keeping school to support themselves. so that few are left to sustain such Soc.

My cough is some better. You must give some of your best respects to Mr Kingsbury & family. They were kind neighbors to us when we lived in H. Mrs Kingsbury Julia H. to tell you something about her aunt Loretto. There is the ac. I used to love her & her sister Abeline very much. Ask. too, if her aunt Hannah (Hall before she married) is living, and if she knows much about her family. Miss Julia is quite an adept in the French Language I suppose. I know understood the pronouncing the lan. very well.

We expect your cousin C- will commence a sch. in the Vestry on the 21 of August. etc I do not know but S. S. and George Wingate will occupy our chamber and board themselves. Will not this please you as well as to go to Weare? your plants, which were alive when you left are all doing well - the sweet pea is about 1 foot & half high; yesterday a little bud made its appearance, & today a little blossom, the size of a small pea. Abigail Burnham is keeping sch. in Pembroke. Mary Delia in our Stony District. Old Mr. C. Bailey was examined last Sun. for admission to the Church. He has joined the Soc. & pays his full proportion.

Your father says I may write, that your preaching department interests him much, and he would like to have you continue your lectures, weekly. He and Grandma & H. Kim. & F. Hoskins, & H Colby & Sarah Jane, I believe some others have left unite in special love to you.

your ever aff. Mother.

Dear Sister Colby,

'Tis painful to say, you must not expect me in H. this summer. A husband should go for a possibly I may look in upon you; but most likely a little part of the head must be left at home to keep things regular. Mother seems a little invigorated for a day or two, this probably her remaining days will be mostly confined to the house. Capt. W's family visited here yesterday. Little Benny is a fine child. & may they train him for heaven. They are all engaged, much as they used to be; very seldom

Grandma says she seems a great deal as she used to. Please write to her soon. Tell Julia I received her letter, & will write to her next week. Tell Mr Kingsbury I received his last & will write to him soon. Love to all.

come to our prayer meetings. Last Sab. Dea Safford & Wife & four daughters, I believe were at church. Wonder Dea S & Wife with the Stinsons took dinner at Capt Wo & tea at Dr Harris'. The whole company of children at Capt Wo at tea. Dr Silley & Wife there too. Tues. They went to the Stinsons & Mrs. Hunt came there in the afternoon. I do not know whether she has returned. Dea S left Thursday. The old lady has come as usual, to spend this year with Benjamin. She looks thin and disconsolate as ever. When I called the other day she was rocking the cradle, with baby in it, but said she had no resolution to get about. John Clough is their help for a year. There is some talk, that he may become a son. Perhaps, it is nothing but talk — tho. I think it may be so. Ch can tell you about him. I believe he is clever. Jane is a very interesting woman; I love her, but I do not think she has the most thing needful. I love them all. Our neighbors are all excellent neighbors & as ever. Mrs. Kimball & husband the same as ever, but they have a great trial with your house. Mrs. Capt W— has become quite fleshy, comparatively, and looks well.

We have nobody to work in Moral reform — and I do not know what I shall do. I could send you a bundle of Advocates to distribute if there is any body to read them.

I thank you for your receipt — have not received it yet. Am sorry you are troubled with that old complaint. Is there no help for it? A complete answer to the request for a lecture you will see below.

Mrs. S has requested me to write a word or two in answer to the request to deliver an address at Keene on the subject of Moral Reform. I have strong inducement to comply with this request; so strong that I hardly know how to bring my mind to a negative reply. In the first place, I want to gratify my friends. In the 2d place, it would afford me great pleasure to advocate so good a cause, under circumstances in which so much good might be accomplished. But there are, in the other scale, obstacles so great that they seem to counterbalance all. In the 1st place, my health is at present not sufficient to enable me to prepare an address, and attend to my other indispensable duties. I have a kind of nervous affection about my head which renders it imprudent to study.

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or even to read, much at present. I am, I think, getting a little better, and I do not think it right to undertake any extra services, which I know is directly calculated to retard returning health, and thereby disqualify myself to perform my necessary pastoral duties. In the second place, even if I were able to prepare an address, it is extremely doubtful whether I could deliver it to the good people of Keene. I may not be able to come to K. this summer, if I can make any arrangement to get down A. home some other way. I have recently received a letter from my friends in Connecticut, stating that my aged uncle is very feeble, will probably not continue long, and wishes to have me visit him for a special purpose. I have written in

Dunbarton Sept. 3
June 24

Miss Antoinette M. Putnam
Keene
N.H.

reply, and encouraged him to expect me as soon as circumstances will permit. I shall hardly know how to go there & to K. also, this summer. I shall, however, come for A. if there should be no other convenient way to get her home. If I come, it will probably be on Monday the 26th of July. Mrs. S. thinks she cannot leave my mother to accompany me, and I shall probably obtain an exchange with some minister on the way, and perform part of my journey on the Lord's Day previous. It would be delightful to visit K. with Mrs. H. and have a good moral reform meeting in connexion with our visit. But we must submit to the disappointment of Providence, & I suppose should do it cheerfully.

Yours, with great affection,

John H. Putnam

Feb. 4 1844

Concord

Sabbath Eve. Feb 4 1844

My very Dear Anta,

If you wish to know some of your mothers feelings & desires in reference to you you may find some of them expressed in the first 8 verses of the 2nd Chap. of Col. Read them, and think of them, my dear A. & remember that in Christ are "hid all the treasures of wisdom & knowledge". Go to him for wisdom daily — that you may desire the best things. & pursue the course to attain them. That you may attend to those studies which will make you most useful in life. Go to Him for knowledge — And may you be taught every thing by which you can glorify your Saviour, God.

You know not how much I think of you. Watch and pray, that you enter not into temptation.

Grandma says "we miss A— more on Sabb. day than any other. Every time I go to dress her in the morning — she tells me how Antoinette did — how she warmed her gown &c &c.

Frances & Sarah Jane came in yesterday — They wished for your book of Dialogues —

How did the singers manage at C— today? Our seats were quite full — & they sing well. D— plays And Mr Kimball.

Feb. 6. Dear A. I should like to have you purchase me a cap ribbon & send it out the first opportunity. Have you succeeded in finding anything for a cap? Your father thought that you did not try to find anything

the day you went over - You had better look for it.
We shall probably send some money with
this letter. I wish you to get a web of good silk
braid. not that which is made of the silk tow. but
good - strong for shoe & boot strings. send this too
as soon as you can - I hope you have a letter
already written to send. I shall send you
your stockings - tooth-powder - and knitting-
needles. and a great deal of love from
all.

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Dunbarton Feb 18

My Dear Daughter,

After hearing what I did from Dr. P— by your letter, and by Capt Kimball, on Monday I was not surprised by the painful intelligence in your last. I retired Monday night feeling as tho. you would be an eye witness of the scene which indeed passed before you—such a scene as I believe you have never witnessed before. "It is better to go to the house of mourning than to the house of feasting" To those who will find it. This is a death which speaks loudly to all of us—to prepare to meet our God;—for we know not at what hour he will call for us

Your dear father designs to attend the funeral, should the

weather be favorable. I should be happy to accompany him. did not duty bid me remain at home. Jane went home last Sabbath - in consequence of her aunt's having a fall & being rather unwell - she expects to return next week. So you will see I am without help. Mr. Poor's brother is dead - buried today.

Remember me affectionately to Mrs Prescott. Tell her I trust she knows where to look for support in this time of trouble, and that she will lean upon the Lord and find him a very present help. The tenderest tie on earth is sundered - but God knows the severity of her trial, and has apportioned his precious promises to it. May she trust in them, and find them all verified to herself - and her dear Children

The Vestry was very full this evening of young & old to hear your father lecture on Honor due to parents. It is too late for me to give you any account of it now. I trust many will be profited by it.

Your very affectionate
Mother
A.B.P.

George has a very bad cold. He wants to see you very much. He and Grandma send love. Grandma has dressed herself two mornings.

Thursday Morn.

This day the house you are in will be left desolate. I do hope my dear girl that you will be in some way a comfort, and a blessing to this afflicted family. Ask help of God, your Saviour, and the blessed Spirit. I also, will ask the same for you. Teach the little boy some suitable Hymn. And may all your conversation be ordered aright.

A.B.P.

Copy of Mr. Webster's
Letter
Feb. 13, 1842

Feb. 20 1844

Concord

Dunbarton Feb. 20 1844

My Dear Daughter.

Jane has returned to us today; she will stay this week but it is uncertain whether she can any longer. Aunt Polly is very lame and cannot well do alone. But I have succeeded in doing alone very well, and think I may hereafter if mother remains as comfortable as she now is. Leroy & Achsa have been to Newton found their mother and Lydia's family well.

I write this evening to let you hear from home sweet home - And when shall you be able to return? That is when shall you get through with Algebra? How is dear Mrs. P.? What is she going to do? I should be happy to have her visit us - and spend a day or two if it should be convenient? I think much of her lonely situation - I feel that nothing but the grace of God could sustain me - But God has an arm of strength - and all who lean upon it in faith will find support.

I like my ribbon much.

Jane says she will send all her love to you. Your father will send you four sermons - one for Mrs. Prescott - one for your teacher - one for Mr. Bouton. And your father has mailed a sermon for

Loretta Wilder today. Dr & Mrs Louisa Colby spent the sabbath here - a week last Sabbath - They came in town Saturday eve - just up at Capt. W's. She called here a few moments that evening - they were here Monday morning nearly an hour - They and we regretted very much - that they could not see you. Both pretty well. Julia Hall is in Boston and her health so poor that they fear she will never be able to reach home. And Edo was also sick.

Yours in haste and affection
A B. P—

Mr. Poole's health was poor.

Miss A. B. Putnam
Concord.

Feb. 27 1844
Concord

Tuesday Morn. Feb 27- 1844

Dear A.

We arrived at our pleasant, retired cottage safely, just after the sun had disappeared. You may look a little further for gloves for George and if you succeed in getting them send them out the first opportunity. I think you would get lined leather probably the cheapest. As to calico you may get enough for two dresses. If you think you can get it to advantage. We should like to have you call at Mr Abbots and ask Mrs. Abbot if she could recommend any place for Frances Storrs. 16 years old. She would want the privilege of attending meeting. would not wish to go where the work was very hard. and would not expect more than $1.50 or four shillings per week. I hope you will write the first opportunity. Let me know how many calls you have made during Platirons. dust the furniture & to be something for your contriveance. I do not know but the milk & Magnesia would be as good as any thing

We should be happy to see Mrs. S. & sons & yourself at any time. It was safe coming up our long hill last eve. but we expect it will soon be impossible.

I shall want to hear from Mr. Boutons family.

Do you wish to have a calico dress made for you at present? Good bye my dear, dear girl. Every day you are made a subject of prayer here, orially & secretly. O that you not the privilege of family prayer

Your loving Mother

Have you sent to Mr Mitchell's Store Ask Mr Abbot or Boutons for A. Grandma was very much pleased with her fancy cap, and is very thankful to you for the thing.

Have you taken my cotton to make the girls aprons.

Draft of your conditions.

Mrs. Antoinette B. Putnam
Concord

Hon. Dr. Prescott
Rev. Mr. White.

March 4 1844
Concord

Dunbarton, March 4, 1844.

My dear daughter—

Yours, of Saturday last, was received, in which you make some inquiries respecting your attendance on Miss Chadbourne's School, which seem to demand an immediate reply. I made my calculations to start for Concord early this morning, for the purpose of determining this matter, but the storm prevented. I have been at quite a loss to know what to do. Before fully deciding to have you attend Miss C's school, there are some inquiries which I wish to make. There must also be some arrangements made respecting your board. When I was last with you, you know it was altogether uncertain whether Mrs. Prescott would remain in Concord; & your mother thinks if you attend Miss C's school, it will be best to make application to Dr. Chadbourne for board. She thinks there will be a great advantage in boarding with your teacher. I think, myself, it would be quite advantageous,— tho' it has always been my expectation, until since Dr. Prescott's death, and the entire uncertainty of Mrs. P.'s situation, that you would board where you are, provided they were willing you should. But your mother is very decided in her preference that you should board with your teacher, should you enter Miss C.'s school, as a regular scholar. Perhaps this will de-

cide the question whether you enter her school or not. You will of course remain a few weeks longer with Mrs. P., if she is willing, — say long enough to make ten weeks from the time you commenced boarding with her — during which time, I should like to have you attend a good deal to music, & try all you can, to catch Mrs. P.'s beautiful tones & tasteful manner of performance. I know of no person in the world whom I should prefer to have you imitate. Not only her tones of voice, but her whole aspect & demeanor in singing, presents an excellent model.

I feel very grateful to her for the assistance she has already been to you. She has been very kind & generous; & I shall always remember her kindness with gratitude. I hope if she should remain in Concord, that you will have the privilege of frequently singing with her, though you may not have the pleasure of residing in her family.

Should the travelling not be too bad, you will probably see me before a great while. If you do not see or hear from me again this week, you may enter Miss Shadbourne's School, as a day-scholar for the term, provided you can board with her. If you cannot be boarded with her, you may, (if she will allow it) enter on the condition that you can leave; should I, when I come to Concord again, conclude that it is best not to have you remain.

You better inquire of Dr. Chadbourne's, immediately, whether it will be convenient for them to board you after your ten weeks is out with Mrs. Prescott. You can tell them that you will endeavor not to make them a great deal of trouble — that you will take your tea & coffee night fo. the rest, &c. —— Should you want any books or Stationary, on entering Miss C.'s School, as you probably will, you may ask Mr. J. F. Brown, the Bookseller, to let you have them at his lowest cash price, & he shall have the cash for them, on my coming into Concord. If you take another Study, I should like to have it Natural Philosophy, Chemistry, or Astronomy, as your teacher shall advise. I think you better not study Euclid just at present. While you remain with Mrs. P. you better not have a great many Studies, because I wish to have you spend considerable time in the cultivation of Music. — From your very affectionate father, J. M. Putnam.

P.S. What is written on the two first pages of this sheet, you can show to Mrs. Prescott. The object of this is, to have her fully understand my feelings in relation to your leaving here & becoming an Inmate of Dr. Chadbourne's. I wish also that she may know that I am not ungrateful for her kindnesses. She took you into her family as my special Protégée, & I think greatly to her credit in the end of Service. I hope you will not find many faults & failures to lay your own Sensitive feelings. You will not, of course, mention to her that you [illegible] read any part of this letter to her. You need say nothing about [illegible] on [illegible] Should [illegible]

your mother says I may tell you the calico suits so well she shall keep all you sent out. In regard to the things you inquired about in your letter, she is willing you should consult your own taste & get wh. you please. She wishes you to take special care of your health, wishes you to have some regular and vigorous exercise daily. This is undoubtedly very important. Hope you will not fail to attend to it. When the health of a student fails, it is in almost all cases for the want of exercise.

As soon as you receive this, & have time to attend to the things enjoined in it, put a letter in the Post Office, letting us know the result, & when you have an opportunity to send very briefly private communication. We shall want to know how yr. health is, whether you can board at Dr. C.'s — what additional study you take, if you take any, what new books you will want. We shall want to hear also of Mrs. A. whether she

Dunbarton Feb 5 1851

Miss Antoinette B. Blackwell,

Care of Dr. S. Chadbourne,

Canton, N.Y.

Please forward this immediately.

will remain in Canton, &c. &c. Is Mr. Barton's child living? ——

You may call at Mr. Ivory Hall's Jeweller's shop, & tell him I calculate to keep the watch he sent out, instead of the one I left at his shop, & when I come into Canton, I will pay him the $2,00 which will be his due. F. M. H.

Much love from us to Mrs. A & family.

George's gloves must be returned. They are so small he can't get them on. You need not get any more for him.

Send word in your next letter concerning the place for Frances S.

April 9 1844
Concord

Tamberton, April 9, 1844.

Will Nelly answer the following questions by the bearer, Dr. Stevens, who will call for a line from you before he leaves Concord?

Is your health good? Have you got into the new building to study? How many scholars?— Has Mrs. P. decided on any thing more definite respecting her stay at C.? Is Dr. Wm. P. expected to settle in C.? # If you think of any thing else particularly new and interesting, just put it down in Short hand. Have you [illegible] Dr. Burris Anthem Ass?

When I was in Concord last, I agreed on an exchange of pulpits with Mr. Boutou on the 4th Sabbath in this month, which will be on the 28th inst. I asked him if it would be convenient to bring you over in his Chaise Saturday afternoon (the 27th,) and carry you back Monday morning? He said it would be, perfectly convenient; and he would endeavor to do so, if you wished it. So your mother is anticipating a visit fr. you at last time. I shall calculate to be over by noon, or before, so as to see you, & hear you & Mrs. P. (to whom I desire my cordial remembrance) sing a little before you leave. You better see Mr. P. before hand, & let him know the day we calculate on coming to D. with him.

Yours, with much affection,

John M. Putnam.

9th Agnes received a Paper to day
Mrs. Colby poor woman fell down and broke
her lame arm - in returning from meeting today
Mr. P— has closed his evening lectures.
Mary Brown has been gone several weeks to
W— Newbury & will be gone till May.
I shall be happy to see Mrs. Ballard - Possibly
you might come out with her, so as to be here
a little longer than you can be with Mr. B.
Love to Mrs. P— I am glad you can make her
bread — make her a little molasses cake, or Aunt
Martha's gingerbread — I should like to have
you get some cream tarter for bread.. and should
like to have you enquire how potatoe starch
for puddings can be purchased.

In haste
Yours Lovingly Mother

Miss Antoinette B. Putnam

Concord.

May 18th

This you will see is the old letter which we could not finish. On the other page I will put something new.

Dear Aunt -

Seth Kimball is here and expects to return Monday next. so at present I take my pen to say to you I shall not forget you this eve. And I shall add a little more. Friday we had a sweet meeting. twelve united, apparently, in heart & voice in supplicating the mercy of God on themselves & those near & dear to them. and on the cause of Christ generally. H. C. & Mary Dalia were here. The 1. Chap. of 1st Peter was read, and they talked of the d[illegible] of Christ and of the importance of living a holy life, and the duty of helping each other so to do.

Thursday we received a letter from your aunt Lucy Pond. There was considerable important news in it - The most important was that your Uncle David's people, only 6 voted to raise his salary - and a council was called to dismiss him. Another thing which I believe you know I expected we should hear sooner or later - was, that Mr. Dunce and Elizabeth have dissolved partnership. Poor E. I do not know how it will affect her. I pity them both. pray for her and all the family. and all ministers - pray much.

May 18 Yesterday was your birth day, my dear A. I hope you gave yourself to our covenant God with greater delight than ever. Mary D— was at our meeting yesterday. I cannot but think she will unite with the Chh. before another communion.

We received a letter from your uncle D. and Elizabeth. Thursday. He is dismissed from his charge in F. Is going to Bridgwater to preach. E. wrote her health was poor — she thought she should spend the summer at Fall River, or a part of it. She confirmed what your aunt L wrote concerning herself and Mrs. D.

If convenient to send me two or 3 sheets of letter paper, nice — good.

L Rowell & Ann Kay are married and gone to the west —

you can burn this when read. Receive it as a test of continued affection from your ever affectionate mother. A. P. P.

My Dear Sister, I have been to meeting to-day. I have reason here more than I generally do. Father preached about the heavenly rest. And told what we should not do if we were good. We should not know sin and the temptations of Satan. Please excuse my mistakes.

From your aff. Br.

George A. Putnam.

Sat. eve.

My very dear Nette,

Your letters are very acceptable here. Every countenance is lighted up with joy, when they arrive, so you must send them as often as you can. Can tell you you can write compositions in the form of a letter - and write to parents - grandparents - brothers - or friends - I think it would be very pleasing to Sarah if you should write to her. I rather think your cousin Jane expects to be married this Spring.

Please make enquiry concerning Dr. Chadbourne's Color-

ing establishment - ask if they have any colored any merino shawls - and tell me what you think about having mine colored. Jane took that 50 cent calico. the other is made for me.

I am reading Mrs. Ricord's Philosophy. It is very interesting. George is persevering his Geography. I tell him he must teach me all he can - and I will study with him - so I am rubbing up my old knowledge of this subject and gaining a little new. There are more rivers & places pointed out on the maps than there used to be - much more is known of our western world or "Great west" - and in many instances the capitals are changed. The Home Missionary, read with good maps gives us a fine knowledge of the west. How much time do you have to read? Have you

any Bible lesson to recite in
Sch.? Do not neglect to read a
little portion of that blessed Bible
sure daily. Do you attend any
female prayer-meetings?
How do you like your sch. in every
respect?

I am going to send you your
head-ache medicine - you had
better take it, and beware to take
it as much as three nights in
succession. I am going too to send
you some tansy - make a little
strong tea and drink a few spoon
full, every morning - for several
days. I think that will be very good
for your health this Spring.
Have you taken any thing for cos-
tiveness? You can get a few cents
worth of cream tartar and with a
little ginger - just a small teaspoon
full in a cup of milk sweetened
with molasses.

Exercise the chairs &c rather rapid
ly for exercise.
Grandma rather better.

Your ever affectionate Mother.

They have purchased a double Bass viol & a Violin - and my piano by. Can you tell me where you left your account of all the Mr. had of Mr. Root?

Monday Morn

If you have any thing to say to your father in reference to your present course - you must come to D.C. as I shall return before breakfast so unless you do I will have to write you. This we will immediately attend to - you have time to do any thing. Thank you for your communication & all the kind sentiments therein.

July 4 — 1844

My Dear Astor,

You are probably somewhere about Concord N. Hamp. & hearing something that may do you good all the days of your life. — H. too, I suppose is engaged in something similar. We are as silent as night. — I have good company all about me but yet can enjoy but little of it, but that little I enjoy exquisitely. It is the N. M. — Mrs. Herald — Bible &c &c.. I have enjoyed a sweet peace in commending my dear children to my covenant God - & in beseeching him to shield them from unhallowed influences, and train them all for his service.

Harris Penny is, perhaps you know at home very sick - There is no prospect of his recovery - Probably he must soon meet death - He seems wholly unprepared. His mother is an agony on his account. His poor

father grasping him as tho. he must
not could not have him die. They
all seem unprepared to meet such a
scene. O my dear A, How much
pain will be avoided - how much
happiness flow into the soul by
living every day as we wish to live
our last - by living for eternity.

Did you buy the sermon you
sent out - or was that the one
I left at Bro. Kimball's? Perhaps you had forgotten that
Mrs. H gave you four pence
half penny to buy one.

I am well as usual, went to
Dea. McC. Cundy's yesterday - left
Grandma and G together - they did
very well.

I wish very much to get a
few No's of The Young Cattagers
Dr - Gov. Mordal used to keep the
Tract Depository - and sometime
if you will call & see if he has
any. or can tell you where you
can get them, I will be obliged
to you. I am a life member of
the Y. S - and suppose I am en

tilled to them if I want them.
I should like a dozen—

Since I wrote the above—your father says if God A.—has any Tracts now they are his own private property—so you may get only 2 or 3 unless he has many and will sell them at a low rate. You may tell him they are for distribution.

The sermon you sent me—& one to Mrs. Harris—we wish you to purchase one—You can get them I suppose at Mr. Bouton's.

Respects to Mrs. V— and other enquiring friends.

In haste as usual—
Your ever loving Mother.

John Colby is not coming home as was expected—I do not know as we shall have any sch.

Mrs Major Brown wishes you to purchase for her calico for a dress. 8 yds. I send you $2.00. I thought that wd be enough to get a pretty good dress for her. She prefers small figure & pretty dark, she would not object to what is call'd mourning calico—if it was sure to wash well—This will of course be important. I think she would choose that wh. is not for mourning. Exercise your own good judgment—& get what

you think suitable for a Lady of her years - she will not care whether it was very fashionable - or whether there was more than two colors in it. If you find it convenient to purchase it so as to send it by your father Mon. you may. If not, send it the first opportunity, after you have purchased. No great hurry.

July 4 1841

Received

Dumbarton, July 24, 1844.

Dear A.

I have but one moment to write, & in haste. We are all in usual health, & send much love. When Miss Hall returns to London from Hamilton, I wish you to call on her as soon as convenient, & make the following inquiries, viz. 1. When will Miss Foster commence the next term of her School? 2. How long will the term continue? 3. What is the prospect concerning scholars — how many are expected? 3. What Natural Philosophy do they use — Comstock's or Parker's? — 4. What French books would be necessary for you, should you attend School there, & study French?

Please write down the answers in a letter to me. I expect to pass Thro' London next week, on Saturday, & then I will endeavor to call & see you. There is a prospect that there will be a School School here this fall by a Graduate from Dartmouth College. If there should be, perhaps we shall think it best to

have you so somewhere to school. This
to be determined hereafter. Bob & Mark
close this morning on Capt. K. is ready
Yours very affy Father,
B. M. Hutchinson.

Miss A. B. Putnam,

Concord, N. H.

July 24 1852
Concord

Dec. 12 1844
Kennikes

Dunbarton, Dec. 12, 1844.

My dear daughter —

It was my intention, before leaving Kennikes on Tuesday last, to make myself acquainted with all the particulars respecting the present state of religion in that place, and particularly the result of the recent protracted meeting wh. has been held there within a few weeks. But I came away so suddenly, after being filled with music, that it slipped my mind, till I had got a mile or two on my way. I wish you would write, so as to have a letter come to Concord on Monday next, & get to Dunbarton on Tuesday, giving me the information wh. I intended to obtain. Also, when you call on Dea. Hosley, give him my respects, & tell him & family &c. I was much disappointed in not being able to call on them, but my time was all taken up before I was aware of it, & I was obliged to hurry away in order to get home before dark.

When you write, be sure to mention every thing concerning religion in Kennikes. You think will be interesting to me.

Your affectionate father
John H. Putnam.

Dear A.

We shall all wait the arrival of your letter next week with deep interest because we are very desirous of learning all about the state of religion in H. and because we wish to know if you begin to feel at home. I think you must be very pleasantly situated, and I trust you will be happy in contributing your share of love & labor in the family circle. Mr H came here as was expected and delivered a political address before the L—m last eve. interesting your father said.

When I enter the nursery in the morning it seems as tho there was some one in the bed or by the side of the bed or stove ready to speak—but I hear no voice—and see nothing moving. No light nor fire till I make it. Be assured we feel a great vacancy but still we are happy and think you will be making great improvement this winter. We hope your standard of piety will be elevated in proportion to your literary attainments.

Respects to Miss H and your associates. If there is any opportunity we shall send your Umbrella & those sermons for Mr Barnes.

Your affectionate Mother

Love from all.

When you make bread remember to scrape your dough from clean & cover all nicely & take care of the

One word more fr. yr. father. I am very desirous th. you shd. improve as much as possible this winter in singing. I think it will be a rare opportunity. Miss Hill is, I think, a fine performer. You observe, fr. she throws, occasionally, an amazing power into her voice, wh. makes it thrill through one's whole frame, at the same time th. there is no breaking of the voice, nor any thing unpleasant to the ear. I want you to get this skill in singing peculiar music, — the skill of throwing yr. voice, so as to concentrate its whole power, & pleasure, in a single note. It will greatly help you in skilfully performing sacred music. Do not say, — "I can;" but "I try," — and if you try, persevere, th. you can, you will succeed.

I shd. write more, but am expediting my manuscript. The mail will convey what I have written, has been with the greatest haste. Remember me to yr. excellent teacher. L. M. P.

Dec. [illegible] 1847 [illegible] 6

Miss Antoinette B. Putnam,
Hennikes, N. H.

at Miss Grosters School

different subject for you to answer. What you wrote to it — of course, you need not repeat.

1. How many of Miss H's brothers, now boarding with her

and Ruth? Dec. 31 1844 Dunbarton Dec. 31. 1844.

Hennicker

My Dear Antoinette,

Frances received your letter today and gave us the perusal of it. We are always very happy to hear from you, and grateful to learn that you are well & happy. I send you your Calico dress. I think you will like that better than the slate, but if it is not good enough you can get new. I send the best breadth. The waist I did not know but you could take for the yoke and I put up the trimmings. I thought you might like to put them about the neck & shoulders. We can send to Concord early tomorrow morning by Col. Kent. so I have no time to wash this Calico, but when you get an apron done, it will not be much to wash and iron it.

When you need anything which you can purchase we give you liberty to do it. The French book you may purchase. We have confidence in you that you will not spend anything unnecessarily.

We were much pleased with the arrangements of Miss H's family, as expressed in your letter to it. We should like to know exactly how your time is passed from 9 in the morning till supper time and what is your time for supper. We hope your roommate will not fail to be there this week.

The short time you have now been gone has made some very important changes in this place. Today we have attended two weddings. Mr D. Story's first. We went to Col. Gookin's (as we call him) to dine soon after 12 O'clock. After dinner they were married. About

40 dined there. Between 3 & 4, they went home & most of the company with them. At 8 Oclock, Wonderful as it may appear, Mr William Stinson was married! Here you must stop — and think — Who has he married? One a little older than yourself. Miss Sarah Poor. She is now Mrs. Stinson. Col. L & wife & Mrs White came out from Concord to attend this wedding. Mrs W— said your expected room-mate was her niece. She said, she was a lovely, good girl. It is expected old Mr. B— Harlow will marry Mrs. Rowell. and Mrs Stevens, Mr. Eben. Gould. Mr. David Caldwell & wife have separated, a sad, a painful affair! Mary Ann, has gone to Nyfield as I understood today, to spend the winter with her brother & his children — His wife has gone to her father's.

Last week, we received a few lines from Henry — He will commence attending Sch. near this time — he now thinks he should prefer, not to go to Douglas next Spring — and his father has written to him, and given him permission, to do as he chooses. So it is most probable he will be at or about home next season. Possibly we may have a select Sch. here again — Mr. Hadley, the last time he was here, said — He had been spoken to by several individuals to come — and had said that if he could have 25 scholars, he would come. Mr. Burnham told him he would make an effort to obtain that number. When we know the result, we will give you information. If we shd have a Sch. H— will attend it. Providence permitting.

Your father has mentioned several things he wishes to have you write on your next, etc he has retired. I will try to remember them am just questions on the

different subjects for you to answer - What you wrote to it - of course, you need not repeat.

1. How many of Ellen G's brothers, now boarding with her are pious? Has her little cousin arrived from Salesbury?

How much do you use the Melodium? and How much your voice?

What is the state of the singing? Do any of Ellen G's scholars sit with the Choir?

Are the scholars classed? and What studies are they pursueing?

What instruction do you receive - mention every thing - from every source. In what manner is it given? &c &c. I add - Does your inspector find your things in order? The dust all off? How does E. B. make her bread? Do you have a hatcheled dish-cloth? I think you will like one for supper dishes.

A little more than a week since, we received a letter of Edward's 3 pages from little Alfred Bond. George has answered it. It was addressed to George.

Our Westboro relatives were all in usual health. Your Uncle D - is preaching at Bridgewater - His family had been gone from Framingham some weeks, visiting - I suppose at Fall-River.

You will recollect hearing me speak of Mrs James Gay, a very dear freind of mine. She was Aunt Katey, sister to your Uncle Ellis' wives. She has been dead some weeks. Died as we should expect from her life she would - very happy. Twenty three years ago this eve, and perhaps this hour - I was in a closet in my father's house - writing to this dear freind. Ever after our acquaintance, loved her as a sister - yes as a christian sister. But she has gone! Gone to the abode of the blessed. We a little longer stay, But how little more can poor Grandma render much love. So we all do with a little wedding Cake - The darkest - was a piece of almond-stein. The other Story you can put it on to your supper table if you please. Tho. your father

rather thought it not best to send the dark-brown dress to the city to
unbind it so. And now think - let I will send it for you to look
after later. You will let us know when your room - make comfor-
table. Remember me to E - to L Abby F - These are the only ones of your asso-
ciates I believe that I have seen - Your Teachers & the others I love
for your sake. I shall make no apology. You know my
poor eyes, and they are tired this eve. How are your eyes? & head?

Your ever aff. Mother.

A. B. Allen,
Plainfield,
N. H.

Jan 14 1845
Hennikes

Dunbarton jan. 13. 1845

My Dear Antoinette

This page belongs to you: the other you can cut off, and give to Miss Foster. Have you received two pieces of Music, wh. your father sent to you by Mr. Eaton? When your father was in Concord Mr. Hall said he thought Amanda would go to Henniker in a few weeks, but did not know certain. Has your room-mate arrived? How much of Euclid have you passed over? Do you make rapid progress in French?

Let me hear from your heel — teeth — eyes — and head. John Kimball — riding a horse without a bridle (I believe he had a halter round the neck) was thrown off and dragg some distance — had his head badly injured — scull broken &c. It is hoped he will recover — but considered doubtful.

Grandma says, every time you write — give my love to Ch. She is quite as comfortable as when you left. Do all your associates who profess to be pious appear spiritually minded? May you never have to reflect, any of you, that during your association in H. you did not exert a heavenly influence over each other. Dear Abby, I hope this year she will be numbered among the followers of the meek and lowly Jesus. Pray much and examine your heart daily. Can it be that one fourth of that long time you used to speak of passing in H — has already gone! So time flies. O may we improve it so as to give our last account with joy.

Your ever affectionate Mother.

George sends love - says he does like to study some better than he used to.

We want you to write so that we may hear from you by next Tuesday's mail. If Miss Smith does not write at the same time, please let us know what you can about the prisons & sparing ys.

Yours truly,
J. H. S.

Miss A. B. Sutherland,
Edmonton, Co. St.
Essex County, Canada

Feb. 1 1845
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Feb 1, 1845

This evening I thought I would write you a letter. It is Saturday evening. I have been reading in the Bible to mother and grandmother, the first Chap. of Acts, about Christ being taken up into heaven and a cloud receiving him out of their sight. Have you begun to study Worcester's geography? I like it very well. I hope I shall get through Arithmetic and Fowle's speller, and Woodbridge's geography. Henry Stearns has broken his arm, but it is about well. Rufus first rusticated him down. We have heard from Henry, he is well. He is very happy in looking forward to next April. Grandmother Brigham has broken her shoulder blade. The young ladies have not brought forward any compositions to the Lyceum. The Lyceum is going on very well, I think. Grandmother Putnam sends love and thinks a great deal about you. &c send. Please write soon.

From your affectionate Brother
George A Putnam

Dunbarton, Feb. 6, 1845.

My dear daughter,

We received your letter, and that of Miss Foster, containing very ample & highly satisfactory testimonials in behalf of Miss H. E. Foster and yourself. I am fully decided that it is best for you to undertake the school at F. (I mean Harriet & yourself) & I shall inform Mr. Willy that he may expect you, and request him to prepare the way for you as well as he can. The school must begin as early as the 3d Monday in May, of which notice will be put in in Hopkinton. You must not study so hard, to prepare for your school as to effect your health. I think you will find no difficulty in teaching the branches required. I want you to learn all you can about managing a school. Get your plans fixed for government, so that all shall go on like clock-work. Have such a system as to make your pupils, under the influence of their love to their teachers, govern themselves. This may be done by keeping an exact record of good & bad conduct, - good & bad lessons, &c. —

I take it a great object to have your school under excellent management, - scholars obedient, affectionate to their teachers, & to each other, as well as studious.

Miss Foster wished me to ascertain whether the people in Hopkinton would be willing to hire or purchase a piano. I expected Mr. Willy here this evening, but the storm will probably prevent, & I shall not be able to ascertain about this till I write again. Please write to us in the course of a few days, and among other things, answer these questions: How much did Miss Foster pay for the use of a piano when she hired one? She speaks of being willing to dispose of hers - Does she think any of giving up teaching music in connection with her school? I think a piano at Hopkinton, will be quite important, in order to make the school agreeable & good support for two teachers. I think also it will be well for you & H. to have, (perhaps twice a week,) a private Singing School.

this would add some to your usefulness, as well as your income. you may tell Harriet she need not trouble herself at all about obtaining a piano. I will take the responsibility of seeing to that, & will endeavor to have one on the ground reasonably. Tell her, too, she must calculate to make it a kind of home at Dunbarton, while she resides at F. and make a sister of you. It is expected by Mrs Willey, & will be expected by the people, that if you open a School at F. you will continue it (six months or a year) for a number of years. I think it a fine opening for you — decidedly the best, all things considered, in this region. — I want to have you & Hannah visit Hebbetown, as soon as you can. I think this visit will be very important, in preparing the way for you. Mr. Willey thinks it almost indispensable, in order to enlist the people in your favor, & induce them to fill your up as I could wish, &c.

The Lyceum continues to flourish well. They have public meetings once a fortnight, & private meetings, (i.e. meetings which none attend but members of the Society) once a fortnight. Mr. Hadley attends the public meetings, & takes an active part. He is an excellent speaker, & very popular here indeed. He lately gave us a lecture containing a sketch of the early history of this town, which I think will be published.

Frances has been talking much about writing to you, but has been so low-spirited of late, & rather hard pressed with work. She will, I think, write you ere long.

Give my kind regards to your Teacher; — I am very grateful to her for the interest she takes in your behalf. remember me also, when you have opportunity, to Rev. E. B. Foster. I wish you could purchase for me the Sermons he has published on the subject of baptism, & bring them when you come on your way to Hebbetown. Do not forget this. I want to see them very much.

From your affectionate father,
John M. Putnam.

My Dear A.

I just take my pen to express my desire that your friend, Miss [illegible] would consider our house as a kind of home, while she may be teaching in G——. In regard to your head — if there is a skilful physician there, you had better consult him. Then your father can (& will try to have him see Dr. C—— about) it. I think much about those who are sick. Let me hear from both of you, when you write again. I hope they and the families will be [illegible]

the will of God. We have great cause for gratitude for the health we have enjoyed this winter. When shall you and H. be most likely to visit Goffstown? Mention the time as near as you can in your next. We feel as if a kind providence had opened this place for you, and will qualify you to fill it. Be grateful my dear child for all Gods goodness to you. Your ever affec mother.

There is a Pastoral visit appointed here tomorrow, but probably the drifts will prevent almost all who would gladly come.

Miss Antoinette Putnam,
Hamilton,
N.Y.
Miss Sanders Norton.

Feb. 14 1845
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Dumbarton Feb. 14th 1845

My dear Antoinette,

I received your letter with much pleas-
ure and I feel that an apology is due for not answering
it sooner, but I fear if I should begin making excuses
you would not think them of much account; suffice
it to say that my time was very much occupied
while school was keeping, but now it has closed
and I find a little more time, I will try and write a
few lines, I ~~fear~~ think they will be rather dry
for I have not much that is interesting to write.

My health has been very good since you
went away until within ~~a week~~ a week. I went
down to Manchester with Harriet Colby a week ago
and took a severe cold and have not been very
well since; Mothers health has been very poor for some
time past. Henry met with an accident this winter
by breaking his arm, it was done at school while out
at recess, the boys were crowding and pushing as you

knows they always are there and pushed him off of the doorsill onto the stove, he went in and cracked one lesson after it was broke. but it got along very well and it is as strong as ever. now. we have had two ~~papers~~ letters from Elisabeth and several papers she likes very much, we expect she will stay till the middle of spring.

There have several marages taken place since you went away and some more are to take place. Mr William Stone is married to Sarah Poor she is one month younger than I am. Mr Oliver Bailey and Mrs Russell David Story and Mary Jane Hinson are married. Sarah Kimball was married Tuesday night. Mrs Stevens is published to Mr Ebenezer Gould of Lebanon and is going to be married next week. It is Expected that Mrs Rider will be married to Mr David Allison of Concord.

I supose you are enjoying yourself very much at Henniker and are storing your mind with much useful knowledge, I want to see you very much indeed. I should like to run in some of these moonlight nights and take a peep at you and see what you are about.

I think the Seminary gets along very well, the young ladies have not produced any papers yet and I do not see as they are like to. We have had several interesting addresses, the last address that Mr Huntley delivered was a history of Dunbarton it was not convenient for me to attend but I have heard that it was very interesting

and it is thought it will be published. It is expected that Mr. Tilley will deliver an address on Education at the Square next week.

I have been over to your house this afternoon, your folks are as well as usual, they wished me to say to you that the pastoral visit which was appointed last week entirely failed on account of the storm, and that another has been appointed on Thursday, the 20th of February, ins to be held in the afternoon and evening; and if convenient for Miss Harriet Foster and yourself to come into this region on your expected visit at that time it would afford your parents a great deal of pleasure to have you present at this visit you might start Thursday morning and get here in season to attend.

Harriet Colby's health is improved a great deal since you went away; Judy is at home now she came home sick a short time after you went away but she is better now I asked Harriet what I should say to you from her, she said tell her to wash her floors clean.

Please excuse all mistakes and not criticise it is so much effort.

From your loving friend S. Frances Stearns

P. S. I do not believe my attempt but answer this as soon as you can.

~~Canaan N.H.~~
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Jonas Stevens
P.M.

Miss Antoinett Putnam
Hennicker
N. H.

March 11 1845

Hennicker

Dunbarton March. 11. 1845

My Dear Nettie,

We have had a perfectly still Town-meeting today, out of doors; no. rum. no playing - and not a voice raised so loud that it has been heard in our nursery. The same select men we had last year. Dea. P. Mr. Wheler, a baptist, Mr. Gutterson, one of the fairest universal. ists. Mr. gen. Ireland Town Clerk. All Whig representatives. One improvement is, they have chosen a com. to visit schools.

Mrs Gurgason has been very sick for several weeks, and is now merely alive. Mother was taken very sick last Fryday morn. and was very sick all day & night. We did not expect she would ever leave her bedroom, alive; but she has recovered wonderfully, and today has taken break-fast, dinner - and supper in the nursery. I have just fixed her in bed for the night. Three nights I did not undress me, tho. I had a little sleep, every night. Miss Emerson stayed with me one night & Mrs Kimball, one. Grandma may never regain her usual strength - but may be comfortable, otherwise as before. I will give much love to you from her. tho. she is in bed & I hope asleep.

Write in your next how your health is and your heels if it has not improved I would touch every sore with a hot wire - You might stick a piece of wire a few inches long in to a cob, then heat the wire pretty hot, but not red - then get your friend, who can see well, just to touch it to the centre of every spot - or sore. The pain is nothing - to bear, comparatively.

Your Uncle T. will stay at Bridge-Water. His family remove soon, if they are not now gone. Eliza's health was good. My own dear mother was better. So much we received in a second letter from Alfred. Kind regards to your Teacher - to Miss Harriet & Miss Mills also Mr T. I cannot see to read what I have written over - so if there is any thing wanting you must supply. - or too much, erase. We bless God for all his goodness to you - & thank you for your letter.

yours aff. Mother, A. B. P.

My dear daughter -

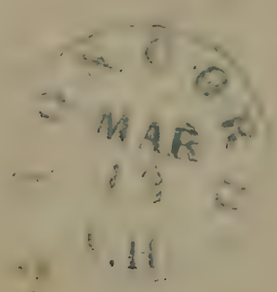
You mentioned in your letter that Mr. Steele of G. thought it very important that you commence your school early in May. I think it will be necessary to consult the wishes of the people there so far as to commence as early as the 12th or 13th of May; and, as it will be desirable that you should return home a week or more before you enter upon that service, I have concluded to come for you the first week in May, and to exchange pulpits with Mr. Foster the first Sabbath in May, if he will consent.

I wish you to call on Mr. F. immediately on receiving this, & ask him if he will exchange with me on the first Sabbath in May (the 4th?) If so, I wish you to write me word

immediately. Also, write in yr. letter whatever else will be interesting to us, particularly how you get along in your studies, & whether you hear any more from Goffstown, & how things seem to look in relation to the enterprise. — I should like to know whether Miss Foster & her brother have answered Mr. Willey's letter, wh. he was daily expecting a reply to when you & Hamlet were here. Remember me to Miss Foster & other friends.

Yours, very affectly,

John M. Fulton



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Miss A. B. Putnam,
Hennikers, N. H.
at Miss Foster's School.

March 17 1845

Henniker

Dunbarton, March 17, 1845.

My dear daughter -

Yours was received the day after it was written. I think it is best, on the whole, that you & H. begin your school on the 6th of May, according to Mr. Willey's proposal. At any rate, it is too late to alter it now, as Mr. W. undoubtedly advertised it at the time, just as soon as he received Harriet's letter consenting to begin then. But as I have written to Massachusetts that I shall go for Henry the last week in April, I must go for you either before, or not till after, that week; and will leave it for you to determine. I can come for you Saturday morning, the 19th of April, or, Tuesday, the 29th of April, which will give you only about 5 days at home (besides the Sabbath,) before you commence your school. You must judge whether that will afford you sufficient time to make the necessary preparations. On the other hand, you must judge whether the state of your studies will be so, that it will do for you to leave Henniker, as early as the 19th.

Please write, as soon as you can, after receiving this, and tell me at which of the above mentioned times I shall come for you.

You forgot, I suppose, to mention, in your last, whether Mr. Foote & his sister S. answered Mr. Wilcox's letter, which he addressed to them just before you visited Robbstown, - making further inquiries, & which Mr. W. expected to receive a reply to, about the time you & H. were there. I should like to know.

I hope that you, and your associate teacher, will get all the information you possibly can, before you commence your school, about the best manner of conducting the School, & endeavor to prepare yourselves to be thorough disciplinarians. You may depend on it, much - very much will be thought of, and of government. This made Miss Kimball immensely popular at G. her perfect discipline. And, as I suggested before, in one of my letters to you, your great instruments of government, must be attention & method. You must try to use these to the best possible advantage, and then I have no doubt you will succeed well. Make your scholars love you, & compel them, by the perfect system, & entire regularity of your operations, to govern themselves. Much may be done by taking notes, (in books prepared for the purpose) of their scholarship & conduct, to be read, & exhibited, as you may think proper.

We were quite pleased with the "negotiation" you mentioned. Think it quite a sad idea. Should like to have you, in your next, tell us the sound of the discord upon the part of the people of H. with Mr. D. Foote. I will here close up, & leave the rest of the space for your dear mother to fill.

Very affectionately your father
John M. Hutchinson

My best respects to all my Mennonite friends.

P.S. You need not say any thing to Mr. Foote about an exchange.

My very Dear Nettie,

Again I must write you in the evening; for I can find no time, till I have put your dear feeble grandma to bed. When I get her fixed in bed - she often says - there - all nice - Today, Mrs. Jargason was buried. She was a little older than I am. Mr. Eben. Kimball's mother died today. Dust we are, and to dust we must return.

Now, my dear girl, I must say something to you about your clothes. If you do not return home 'till the latest time mentioned by your father, you will have but little time to make & mend. You must write me, what I can do - and what preparations I can make for doing, before your return. It seems to me you must have a hon-

net shawl - and some kind of a gown; and it appears to me you had better have something of the woollen kind. I suppose you would wish to choose all the articles I have mentioned yourself. To do that, you would be obliged to go to Concord or Manchester I suppose. Perhaps you would think it necessary to get two dresses. You can judge some thing by what you see others have. Your father is willing to purchase all that is necessary - and we believe you will wish no more. You must write whether you think it best to have us purchase any of the above articles, or any thing else you think you shall need, before you return home. I expect you will need a pair of under dresses, if so how would you like to have them made about the neck? We were very glad to learn that your heel was improving. And we rejoice in all your comforts & joys. And we sorry that any trouble should cause the removal of the Preceptor and his brothers. I suppose, of course, this would be a little trying to your dear Miss Mills feelings, - so near the time of negotiating important business. But "there is no rose without a thorn" May this association be for their mutual good - and may they do much good to others. How is the health of your instructress, Miss J - I am happy to hear that her scholars increase.

Mr A is singing-school goes on finely - And Mr. Hadley has concluded to open a school here I believe the 4th of April. I do not know where he thinks of boarding. He has said nothing to us about it - and I have not heard the subject mentioned. Grandma is very unwilling we should take him, if he should desire it. and I do not know as it wd be best.

Your affectionate mother A. B. P.

Kind remembrances
To all I know.

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Miss A. B. Putnam,

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At Miss Foster's School.

April 5th 1845

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Dunbarton, April 5, 1845.

My dear daughter -

When I last wrote you, I informed you that I expected to go to Westboro' for Henry the last week in April. Since then, we have received a letter from Westboro, informing us that Henry's school closes three weeks earlier than was expected, & that he wishes to come home as soon as he can after the close of his school. In consequence of this, I have altered my arrangements, & expect now to go for Henry next Monday. Brother Holloway is to bring him as far as Hopewell, where I am to meet them; & I expect to get Henry home on Tuesday next. I shall now be able to come for you a little sooner than the 29th, & would like to exchange with Mr. Foster, the last Sabbath in April, (which will be the 27th day of the month,) and have you accompany me home on Monday.

Will you, as soon as you receive this, communicate to Mr. Foster my desire for an exchange of pulpits with him at the time above mentioned, and

write me immediately his reply to the proposition?

I saw Mr. Willy this week, & talked over the matter respecting your boarding place. Our conversation resulted in the conclusion that I better call at Mr. Leach's & engage board for you and Hannie & the rest which I expect to do very shortly. The expectation is that your school will be kept in Capt. Smith's hall, which is very near Mr. Willy's. Nothing further is definitely known of it now, except that the number of scholars who will attend, it is thought, will exceed the 2d term. I merely write this business part of the letter, & leave it for your dear mother to close.

From your very affectionate father,

A. A.

To Miss M. Putnam.

P.S. Whether Mr. Frost can exchange with me or not, I wish you to be prepared to come home on Monday, the 28th.

My Dear Daughter,

All I can write is a few hasty lines by candle light as usual. The first in regard to your clothes. I have concluded to write to Mrs. Prescott to look round for something for a dress, and ask her to aid you in procuring what things you need, and also to fit your dress. I rather think it would be as well not to have Mrs. Grandma seems gaining a little now tho she can seldom go to her bed without help, and has not been

able to dress or undress herself. Mr. Hadley will probably board at Capt. Whipples. The singing Sch. has gone on with great spirit. Mr. Hammon & Mr. H. Wilson and wife have not not looked upon it. The other old singers have attended very constantly & Mr. Egan & Leland. Mr. Hadley is to deliver an Address on Fashion-week after next. before the Lyceum. Other news I will leave till you return. We must calculate to make the most of the few days you will be with us. Let prayer begin and close all your employments and enjoyments. I have greatly needed and I have received abundantly the comforts, which religion alone can give. O that all my dear children may be established in the faith of the gospel.
Your affectionate Mother. A. B. P. April 4th.

My Dear Sister Antoinette.

I have a great deal to tell you but I cannot tell you a great deal. Mr. Cheney and his wife have gone away so that I cannot go there, but I am going to Mr. Ballard's, the 15th of April. I expect to see Brother Henry the 8th day of April, on Saturday next. I hope you will write soon.

From Your Affectionate Brother

George D. Putnam

Please bring that red cotton handkerchief, that went round the pies &c. Your dear father and I have thought it might be best for you to go from H- to Concord and stay there Monday night and he will go in again Tuesday for you.
Your Mother

Saturday afternoon, Ap. 5. I am now in Hopkinton, and have just made inquiries of Mr. Willy concerning the prospects here for music & drawing in the "Select School." He says he can hardly tell any thing about it till the school begins. Mu-

sic on the piano is something entirely new here, and all seem to be undetermined as yet, what they shall do. They think the price of tuition is quite too much. $5.00 is thought to be the full extent of what it ought to be. Mr. Willy remarked that some thought if the price were higher, there would be no scholars. Mr. Willy, however, says he thinks Miss Foster better not lower her price, even if she has no scholars at first. and this is my opinion decidedly. If

Harriet will probably receive a letter by the time Mr. Willy, or Tom gets home.

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Miss A. S. Putnam,
Hannibal,
N. H.

Care Miss Foster's School.

them are those here who wish to learn, they will come up to the terms eventually. They are not aware, I suppose, that it will cost any thing to find an instrument. Mr. Willy says he has written to Salem concerning an instrument, but has not yet heard any answer. When he does he will write to Harriet. It seems now quite doubtful whether there will be an instrument here at the commencement of the term. Mr. Willy thinks the prospect of a juvenile class in vocal music is very good. Hope you will prepare yourselves for it, so as to have a school of the first order.

P.S. I have just called at Mr. Leach's and engaged board for Harriet at eight shillings, each, per week. You will have a sleeping room together. I shall think as many as 6 would like to take lessons on the piano. Tom has not yet received any letter from you. Yours &c. N. Bo

Dec 13 1845

Gilmanton

Dunbarton, Dec. 12, 1845.

Dear A.

Yours was received at the time expected, and was very well filled with such items of intelligence as rendered it very interesting to your dear parents. We were much pleased to learn that you were so happily situated. We really think your situation is remarkably good, all things considered, & I feel quite glad that out of the numerous places that came under consideration, Gilmanton was at length selected. I entirely approve of your joining the class in Physiology, and do not wish you to pursue your other studies any faster than you are perfectly able.

I will now give you a short list of questions, which I wish you to answer in your next letter, viz:

What are your religious privileges? Do you have any Bible or Sabbath exercise under the direction of Mr. Penny? Is the singing on the Sabbath good? Any instrumental music? What Psalm-Book is used? What Singing-Book? Does Mrs. Lowater sit with the Choir on the Sabbath? Do you? Are the meetings of the Choir profitable & pleasant? How often does the Choir meet? Have you

Direct Fanny's letter to Gilmanton Academy

any other advantages for improvement in sacred music, except what you enjoy alone with yr. instrument? Do you continue to sing a /day on yr. instrument daily? Do any join you in singing at yr. boarding house? How many children has Mr. Lancaster? Give some description of them. How many children has Mr. Bird at home? Describe them. What family has Mr. Jenney? Is Mrs. Hale now connected with the Academy as a teacher? Describe her & mention in what branches she instructs. Have you any lectures on Physiology? or on other subjects? Who teaches Physiology? Who lectures? Do you like the Study? What accommodations have you for studying at your boarding house? Any fire in your sleeping room? Do you study any out of the Academy during school hours? What is the present number of students in the Academy — male, & female? What the number of students in the Theo. Seminary? Is Wm. Bird one? What a kind of man is the one who boards with Mrs. Willis? Are all the boarders pleasant associates? How are you settled for your fire & water? board? Is your health good? Do you exercise enough? and in what way? Have you any bycows? or do you hear any lectures on the sciences, except from your teachers? Is Mr. G. a good French teacher? Is his pronunciation like Mrs. Foster's in all respects? How are

you progressing in Mathematics? Are there any Students in the Academy, whose very forward in English Studies? What are your fellow boarders attending to? Did you receive the Key to your desk, which I forwarded?

An answer to these few questions, together with a miscellany, containing such other items of intelligence as will be likely to interest us, will do for one letter. In "describing" you can be as brief as you please, just giving us a little idea of the age, &c. of the children in the families mentioned. This from your very inquisitive but affectionate mother,

Lois M. Stevens.

My very Dear Daughter,

Your father has asked as many questions as I should think you could answer in one letter, be as concise as you can, and take a large sheet too. But I will add a few more, and you must do the best you can with them. What is Emily Bird doing? Where is her father? Are any of the family expecting to come to D- this winter? Has my medicine done you any good?

Your father preached his Thanksgiving Sermon the next Sabbath, had a good audience and some of the people are talking of having it, or the historical part of it, printed. We wish you to write to your dear brother Henry as soon as you can, in large plain hand, and urge him to write as often as he can to his affectionate parents - who feel so anxious for his present and future good, and are willing to make any sacrifice to promote his happiness. We have, as yet, heard nothing from him - Hope we shall today. Clarissa Stone is dead; and your father & George are about leaving to attend the funeral. Oh! How many such warnings are given to the dear youth in this place. The Stone family had lived happily & promising a hope that she would soon be with Jesus. The disease was instructing, I thought all

calculated to make a good impression on the mind.
it Beautiful Inscriptions was read, and fully met our expecta-
tion, in comparison with others. There was one piece headed by
two lines of poetry from Burns, which I cannot repeat; but
the idea was, if we see ourselves as others see us we shall
often do very differently from what we do. There were some
particular things alluded to, one was laughing at church
this it was thought will never be done, if those who allowed
themselves in it, could see themselves as others saw them.

Be pleased to call on persons on
business to this City Sunday
March 22 1840 P.M.

Miss Antoinette L. Sutton,
Tuscumbia Academy,
Ala.

Decr. Jan. 13th
Dec. 13

George is succeeding in his studies beyond my expectation,
& send love to you & all other enquiring friends.

I have succeeded thus far in my work as well as I could possibly expect. tho I have much sewing yet on my hands. Grandmother is better than she has been for more than a year. I have continued cause for gratitude. I feel that heaven is my home, & my heart is fixed there, but I hope to live & be strengthened to take all necessary care of your dear father and his mother. There it often seems as tho my work was done, & my beloved children I could leave in the arms of a covenant-keeping God. Pray much for yourself & children by

Your ever loving Mother

Dec. 18 1845

Gilmanton

Deerhaven, Dec. 18, 1845.

Very dear daughter —

We are induced to write a letter to-day, because we received a letter yesterday from our dear Henry, & we that it wd. be a relief to you, would not break the postage, to know, that what we hear from Henry is all we do desire, except it be a full surrender of his heart to God. Mrs. Kimball has written, & says — "Henry has been a good boy, very kind and obliging, & has endeared himself to me, especially in consequence of his kind temper. He has exceeded our expectations. He speaks very affectionately of his parents, and often tells me what they say. I have seen nothing in him wh. I think you wd. disapprove; if I should, I shall endeavor to convince him of his error kindly."

This indeed is joyful news. It has taken a heavy load fr. our parental hearts.

Henry has also written in strong language of penitence for the sin, of

which yr mother gave Joel some intimations while you were here, (but which we wish you not to give him to understand you have any knowledge of) he begs that we will forgive him & hopes God has; for, he says, "I think I am truly penitent."

We hope you will write him soon, & give him much advice, & encourage him all in yr. power, to continue to be affectionate, obedient & kind; and especially to give his heart to God, & embrace pure & undefiled religion.

Mr Kimball does not now require him to work evenings, but allows him to spend the time in reading, if he wishes. Do exhort him to do all in his power to promote his mental improvement. A word for you on this point, will, we think, have more effect than for us. We wrote a letter to you last week sh. you have doubtless ere this received. I write this, because yr. mother is specially engaged. Yours in the affectionate father,

John M. Peebles.

Dunbarton N.H. Dec 18th

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Miss A. B. Putnam,

Gilmanton Academy,
N. H.

Jan 27 1846

Edmanton Dunbarton, Jan. 27, 1846.

Dear A.

Your mother thinks I have got to be quite a Letter writer, I write so often, & so willingly to you. It is true, I find my mind flying over the hills & snow-banks, pretty often, to the seat of Science in J. and these mental, or ideal visits, generate a strong propensity to embody some of the mind's operations in words, — words that shall bring back a response, so that there may be actual communion of mind with mind.

You inquire, in your last — how far Mr. H. thought it necessary to go in Davies' Bourdon? It is customary, he says, to go thro' Logarithms. This is as far as they can go in College. I have seen him since receiving yr. Letter. He has decided not to keep school here in the Spring, but thinks he shall in the fall. I talked with him about your studying Latin, wh. you remarked in a recent letter, you sh. like to do. He said he sh. advise you to, as the Latin is so intimately associated with the English, & yr. knowledge of Spanish wld. make it come very easy to you. I had pretty much concluded, before conversing with him, that

Wm. & Jno. can only have one of a pair of pantaloons on the Sabbath, as they do not learn fr. each other's wardrobe.

if you get along pretty well this term, with your Mathematics & Physiology, that it wd. be as well for you to take the Latin for one of yr. Studies next term; and perhaps Chemistry for another, tho' that can be determined hereafter. Perhaps you better converse with Mr. Denny about studying Latin, and if he encourages it, & you wd. like to study it, I think it may be well to do so. It will give you a more thorough knowledge of the English, and may be an advantage to you in teaching. Please write your decision about this in your next. And, if you decide to study it, write whether you will be able to borrow, or hire, a Latin Dictionary. If you cannot, I will try to send you mine by Stage. You will want Andrews & Stoddard's Latin Grammar, and Andrews' Latin Reader, or Exercises. These you can buy, & I will pay for them, when I settle your other bills.

You mentioned that you had got to the 6th Section of Davies. What proportion of the whole ab. you will study, in this work, have you gone over? You must recollect Mr. Jones entirely unacquainted with the book, & can form no idea of yr. progress by the sections. You may write in yr. next, how long you think it probable it will take to go thro' what is neces-

sy in this work. Likewise when you will be likely to finish Greenleaf & Physiology. And such other particulars about Dr. Wader, & other things as you think we should like to hear. What about the singing school? What singing book is used at S.? Write to us as soon as you can conveniently, after receiving this.

Your ever affectionate father,

John M. Pulsom

My Dear Nette,

Your father took me by surprise just now, that is 15 or 20 minutes since, by coming to my room with a letter to you, his part complete, to mail tomorrow. And what shall I say? My thoughts run as fast & frequently ~~over~~ toward as his, I presume, & hills & snow banks are no obstruction I sometimes look in to your dwelling & see your beloved "Mother" Willey moving round as the centre of attraction in your happy circle. Give my love to her. Would that my dear A. could place a little balm on that wound in her heart which God has made and which he alone can heal. But if she had reason to think her beloved one was prepared for heaven I would call upon her to rejoice and be exceeding glad.

The past week we have had a shocking death here which has left christian parents, wife, and sisters, to mourn in deepest mourning. Charles Bailey put an end to his own life, by hanging. You know he has always a restless, uncomfortable man to himself and others; Nothing went right with him - For 3 or 4 weeks he had been more unhappy than usual - has spoken to his mother of his feeling poor & friendless - but he was about his work at home, and among the neighbors. Last Tuesday

I believe was the last of his being in this neighborhood. He then called at Mr Howes' Capt Kimballs, and I believe at several other places. Thursday about sunset he committed the dreadful deed which conveyed his poor soul to eternity. The snow had blown tremendously all day & continued to do so thro. the evening & night. And this seemed to add to the gloom of the distressed family.

Dunbarton, N.H.
Jan. 25, [illegible]

Miss A.B. Eastman,
Pembroke Academy,
Pembroke, N.H.

He has left seven children - a pair of twins about 6 weeks old, I think. O when I think of his past life & his dreadful end, as to this world, I feel more than ever, the necessity of cultivating a contented mind. We can never be happy ourselves, unless we desire and endeavor to make others so. The Lyceum was appointed on that awful eve, of course, we had none. Elizabeth Jenny enquired very particularly after you last Sabbath. Send love in your next to enquiring friends.

Your ever loving Mother.

Love to Mr. Bird's family, pray is all well. Also Love to Mr & Mrs W—
All send love. Kind enquiries after your last one.

Feb. 10 1846
Gilmanton

Danbarton Feb. 8th 1846

My very Dear Daughter.

Your last letter afforded us great pleasure, and call'd forth anew our warmest gratitude to our Heavenly Father, for the privileges he is affording you, and the health and and ability he gives you to improve & enjoy those privileges. We were happy to learn that you had a Father as well as mother to watch over you.

Your dear cousin Sarah's situation, we suppose to be very different from what it was when she wrote you. How, my dear A. shall I tell you of it! We read in a Salem paper, which Capt. Kimball receives, among the deaths "In Worcester Sarah M. P. daughter of Mr. Rufus A Putnam". As yet we know nothing more. 'Tis only about 3 weeks since we heard from your Uncle's family. They were then well, and we suppose knew nothing but what S. was well too.

Four of Mr Richards children have had the scarlet fever - Little Ann is dead. Dr M. are beginning to be hungry — Leticia is now very sick. This morning Mr. Aaron Kay died. Yesterday your father called to see him. He had had his reason only at intervals for several days. Mrs. R. said, he had often been praying for mercy and that his sins might be forgiven. We hope prayer has been heard in his behalf. But Oh! my dear A. if we would have good hope - and give evidence to others that we are prepared for a holy heaven - we must we must be praying people in heart. We must love prayer. It must be our delight.

Just give us a hint of the character of Henry's letter to

You will now send him the Christian Citizen. I Thess. 4.
it of great importance that the character of his
reading should be good; in forming the character— no
doubt our reading is next to the company we keep.
Last Sabbath a notice was put up on the entry of
the meeting house of a Pastoral Visit, signed by six
individuals, no one of them, now, members of our Soc.
Capt Stinson & Wm Lewis Wilson & Harris— B. Hammond
& Procter. Tomorrow is the day. Feb 9th I hope it will
be for the good of souls.
Last week we received a letter from Mrs. Quincy.
saying her father was preparing to remove from Boston
to Acton where he had purchased a small farm.
Sarah Lang, seem to be much affected; & Harriet had
the Typhus fever last fall, & is now in delicate health.

Feb 11 Now my dear A, you will think, mother had a great
deal to do to arrange things in the house & prepare for the first pastoral
visit. So I had; but succeeded in doing it comfortably.

Yesterday about 2 O'clock, Dea Wilson & Wife arrived. D. Wingate & wife, &
Mrs. Ingersol from Apsley's agree in the face. So they came one after another, till 50
Dea P. & Miss. Wife prevented by ague in the face. So they came one after another, till 50
I believe exactly, besides Le Roy's fine baby, arrived, afternoon & evening. Henry Seek, Dr.
Ps brother was here & played on the F We had fine singing.
all our best singers were here. A very few of the elderly ones, went home before
dark to others opportunity to come in the evening. I have not had time to make
an exact estimate of what was left, but I think about $25. more
by half in money. The two Mrs. Stinsons, each as they bid me good evening
put into my hand $2.50. But aside from all this, we never had so
pleasant a visit of this kind, before. All seemed happy— conversa-
tion profitable— & everything went right. About 8 O'clock some one
to prepare to leave. & the same parting hymn was read & sung, wh.
was used last year. Then your father led in prayer. Dea. P— then made
some very appropriate remarks. wh. to give you in short hand, was
that it was very pleasant for those who saw each others faces on the sab. in the
same house of worship to meet on such an occasion as this, and exchange ideas.
& that so far as he had observed, those who made it their object to do good & make
others happy, were the most happy themselves.

Now for the pudding. I have lost my original receipt, but I think it
was 3 eggs and four table spoons full of starch, 1 qt of milk
added a little cold milk, so that it will be about the thickness of starch prepared to wash
for stiffening clothes. Then pour it into the boiling milk, or the boiling milk to that.
This original receipt made it hard enough to cut in slices. I have varied from it, some
or two
putting only one egg, or none to 1 qt of milk, using my judgment in putting additional
Add a little salt, to improve it. Sauce
cream

Scarsdale Dec. 10, 1856.

Dear A. — You ask me to state "the difference between the Old School & New School Presbyterians." It relates to three points, viz. 1. The O.S. hold that we are personally guilty of Adam's sin, so as to be justly condemned to everlasting death, for this first & transgression of God's law by our first parents, — whereas the New School hold, that we are not all transgressors in consequence of Adam's first transgression, but not personally guilty of his sin, and that we are condemned, not for Adam's sin, but for our own personal transgressions. 2. The Old School hold that the atonement made by Christ, was made only for the elect — the New School, that it was made for the whole human race, and, of course, that all are invited to avail themselves of its blessings. 3. The Old School hold that in their natural unregenerate state, men have no ability to obey God's commands, either natural or moral, and, of course, that men are passive when the work of regeneration is effected in their hearts by the Holy Spirit, — whereas the New School hold that men have no other inability to obey God's commands than moral inability which consists in indisposition to obey, and that men are active in regeneration, as soul expressed it "working out their salvation with fear and trembling, while it is God that worketh within them, to will & to do" Phil. Philippians 2: 12, 13. These differences, lead to a great variety of other shades of difference, which you will see

goes out of these. Orthodox congregationalists, (the denomination to which we belong,) are ranked with the rest of Israel, and, as I suppose, are right.

I am glad to see you a little inquisitive in regard to the subject of theology, & shall always be happy, so far as my powers to answer, any inquiries of you may lead to that end.

In regard to the study of Latin, your mother & I both think it will be well for you to commence it. It is by no means necessary that you should study it long, but you can profitably pursue it for a short time. We shall expect to converse with you occasionally on the subject, & to hear your opinion of it. [illegible] Latin, (Latin Grammar, Latin Reader, or Latin Exercises,) obtained a Knowledge of sounds of Languages, without the aid of a teacher. Such a linguist is, I believe, Miss [illegible] Miss Fine Arts in Latin, in connection with her studies in Spanish. Of course, we do not wish you to be in any special need of your Latin, or to let it supplant your other studies. Your duty, I think, will be to go along pretty well with your [illegible] & mathematics & not hamper yourself in any part more than you find it convenient.

Mrs. Dix
Miss Dorothea M. Dix
Worcester
Mass.

I have seen Abigail Burnham, & inquired of her as to her going to Wilmington. She says she cannot tell till she sees her sister E. who is now keeping school at Zanesville. I very much fear, I think, she will not come. I also called on Mrs. Lane's sons' mother, whose name I do not recollect, & think of her coming. Can't you find it? Your "Latin Key" is fine, & very nice. I am pleased to see you so very correct in spelling, capitals & stops in all cases in regard to the common rules. [illegible] & Colored girl. I have no calls to become a post-graduate. I may just pass through seminary, take a diploma & then, if we come home, to acquire a more general knowledge of English literature & literary men. They will, I think, afford you a rich feast. All things, my dear, may not be found, - they might as well not be, as far as all things, that is important, - but a good course may be obtained in Worcester, in all things.

My affectionate love to you, dear Father, -

John M. Putnam.

April 9 1846
Gilmanton

Half past Nine eve. Ap. 9th 1845.

My Dear Daughter

Your father left home very early Monday Morn. He designed to spend the first night with dear Henry, the 2d in the vicinity of Boston, & probably the 3d & 4th at Westboro. Our last information from W. was that my own dear mother, had been very unwell. Your aunt Pond thought she would not remain long with us, remarks she was exercised with a good deal of pain, something like pleurisy. Father she wrote had taken most of the care of her. She wishes to have me visit them if possible this Spring.

Your cousin Jane was to be married this month. Henrietta was engaged to keep school in Grafton.

Your grandma P—— had an ill turn last Sabbath. so I did not attend Church but she has nearly recovered from it. Your father said he enjoyed a great deal in preaching more than he had for a long time; his voice was in better tune & I hope his heart too.

tho. I have thought his preaching very full of instruction all winter — and for several Sabbaths, it seemed to me if he knew he was performing his last services, he could not have preached better. I hope his journey will invigorate both body & soul. We do not expect he will return under two weeks. We expect every day when Mr. M. will call for George; then grandma & I shall make up our family. How I wish Nelly could be here to sleep with, & read to me &c. But, tho. we miss every absent member of the family very much, do not think we are unhappy far from it. We have had many seasons of rejoicing in view of the good news we have been permitted to hear from the dear absent ones. and still hope to do so, and ere long to rejoice together — yes I hope all together never to separate more.

I suppose E & A. Burnham have been somewhat surprised with news about uncle Willard — He was published last Sab. to Phebe Moore. Aunt to his little Susan. Hope it will prove beneficial to all concerned.

10th This is a delightful morning, It may be Jane's wedding day. I hope she will have real happiness in future life, but I cannot but greatly fear she has seen her best days. Your Aunt Pond wrote, that she had been in fine spirits

till since the death of my cousin Caroline Fisher, (whose death I believe I mentioned to you in my last letter, she married Mr. Hunt, your uncle Harrison's partner, last oct. and died suddenly, with inflamation on the bowels,) this unexpected call to eternity, and from the brightest earthly prospects, of one of her associates, cast a gloom over her mind. I wish it might be that "sorrow of the countenance wh. makes the heart better.

I have been looking as the snow melted away to see some of our dear young sisters attend our prayer-meetings, but as yet none have come. Frances is at home now for a few weeks. David Kimball has just returned from Pembroke. Dr. John Colby has been at home more than a week, has just made me a second call; appears well — don't yet know where he shall be located. His sisters all at home. Wishing you the best of blessings, and a heart to improve all to the glory of God,

I am your ever affectionate Mother.

P.S. We were grateful for so much evidence of your teachers confidence in you. Be humble & meek. Your father dear has fine weather. & blessing attend him all the way.

Give my love to E. & A. particularly. & your family friends.

Love from Grandma & Ge

(your good father has procured Leigh Hunt's Italian Poets Part 1st 2 vols for you to read when you come & several other works. I hope to but reading is all beauty from them. The time wasting for me to hear. I have stolen some little respite of

Dunbarton 28th
Apr 9

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Miss Antoinette B. Putnam
Gilmanton Academy
N. H.

Aug 25 1845
G Upton

Dumbarton, August, 25, 1845.

Dear A.

Yours come safe to hand. We were glad to hear that you had as many as 21 scholars; but were sorry to learn that you were to have those unruly boys again. I am really quite anxious for the consequences. The only thing I learn mentioned as a deficiency in your School the last term, was your want of energy in maintaining government; and this all arose from the unruly conduct of those boys. Should the same scenes be acted over again, there would, I am confident, be great dissatisfaction on the part of the other patrons of the School, and, it may be, some would leave, on account of the want of order. Your School will then get an established reputation for a "no-government" School. I think you must be decided. If those boys are already in your School, & behave well — yielding strict obedience to all your orders, — then let them remain. But do not yield a hair's breadth to them. If their conduct is not decidedly good, go right to their parents, and inform them that you cannot get along with them; that you would very gladly do every thing you could for them, but cannot, on any consideration sacrifice the order of your School; — you would rather give up the School itself. You will, of course, before taking this last step, try your utmost to reason the boys into submission, & perhaps invent some modes of punishing, or mortifying them; but if they will not yield, finish your connexion with them at once. Do not allow your selves to seem, even for a moment, to be conquered. If

you cannot maintain order, & scholars are allowed to remain who trample upon your authority, the reputation of your School is gone. It is on this point alone that I fear. I know you will give your pupils faithful & thorough instruction. But this is not all that is necessary; you must have order, — and every Scholar that cannot be governed, should be expelled from the School forthwith. It will, however, be greatly for your credit, to prove that you can govern all that come to you. It will be much more honorable to conquer than to expel the refractory; but if you cannot conquer, you must expel. Insubordination must not, on any account be tolerated.

I have spoken to Capt Kimball to repair the Arithmometer, (I believe that is what it was called,) and also to Charley to make a cubic block. We shall send Willis' Poems, &c. when we have opportunity. I shall like to have you write by the next mail after receiving this, & let us know how many Scholars you have, how they behave, who studies Algebra, who French, & &c. Has Miss W. from Baltimore obtained her piano. Does the insolent Ellen? & &c. ——, Has Marriott any Scholars in music? Does Ellen Whittle attend your school? How is it about the small pox? When will the Meeting house be ready to dedicate? When will you go to the East Meeting house to meeting again? Possibly, your course may be altered this way, somehow.

We are all in usual health, & all send much love to you & EH. Mr. Hadley has 46 Scholars to-day. We have had no returns from Mr. Manning of Pembroke. Be particular, when you write, to answer all the above inquiries, and write as much else as you can that will be interesting to us, about your School & other things.

Very affectionately,

Your father,

John M. Putnam.

Miss Antoinette B. Putnam,

Goffstown, N. H.

Goffstown

Dunbarton, Sept 8

Dear A.

Your mother thinks when
two weeks hence, you better ha
winter calico dress fitted, so that
made up during your absence, &
to Mrs. Baker to do it, if you wish it
you better ascertain what work will be
necessary to be done for you before you go
Manton, & make arrangements to have
done in good season, so that you may
be hurried about work, during the short
period you will remain at home. Hope
you will make your calculations accordingly.

I wish you would send a note
by Henry & state whether you can
come home Friday evening, (two weeks
hence) or whether we must delay send-
ing for you till Saturday noon. If
you can keep school all day some other Sat-
urday, we should like to have you at
home all day at the time proposed. We
shall, of course, depend on Harriet's com-
ing with you. This must always be un-
derstood.

Please write the number of scholars
you now have, & whether you expect more.
Also whether the small pox has entirely
vanished from among you. Have your singers
got out of their mood?

Very affec'y, your father,

All send love.

John M. Putnam

Miss A. B. Putnam,
Goffstown,
N. H.

Received in Phila. by H. Hawk
her for me had left the city

Sept. 10 1846
Dover

Sunday Sept. 10th 1846

My very Dear Daughter,

You have been unfortunate in not receiving some papers which were designed for you. Your father mailed a Citizen for you & think at the same time a our letter. Since that, one week yesterday this day he was at Camp. and prepared a Letter to be mailed for you, by the N. which contained the dying intelligence, which I must now communicate. Your dear, beloved Grand-mother H— is gone! She seemed to retain her strength to so great a degree, that until the Tuesday before her death, we thought she might recover. But nothing had much effect at any time in checking the discharges. Friday afternoon she was seated on the chair for the last time. Sat & Sabbath grew more & more feeble, spake but few times, slept most of the time between discharges; Sabbath night was very restless & breathed harder; appeared to have her reason perfectly to the last— Monday morning a few minutes before 10 O'clock, her happy spirit, we believe entered the mansion which Jesus had prepared for it. Sabbath morn, the Dr. called, made a remark as tho. he thought her almost home. She replied, "it would be gain to depart" "I have no doubt of that." After I thought her dying, I said "Mother, do you feel that you are resting on the love of Jesus now?" She feebly answered, yes; This was nearly an hour before she breathed her last, about 5 minutes before, your father asked her if she felt as tho. she had got about home. She made an effort, evidently to say yes; but could not articulate. She suffered but little during her sickness. She had done her work and she had done her talking too, before death came. She spake of you several times, and wished me to tell you, she meant to have given you some Lozenges, the morning you left. She called to me a few minutes after you had gone, to know if you had a darkie, and regretted very much that she had forgotten to give you the Lozenges. I told her I would write to you about them, and see that you had them. I took most of the care of her by day, and the entire care of her ten nights out of the seventeen. I chose to take care of her, I did not like to have her, I should not had a watcher at

ah, if your father had not been so anxious lest I should fail. God supported me wonderfully - I did not undress, wholly, through her sickness or after you left, but when she slept - I could get a nap - and I never knew nurse so refreshing - the moment she moaned or breathed hard, it would wake me. She has gone! and our house seems desolate! The funeral was on Tuesday at 3 P.M. A very large concourse of people - We designed to have Mr Willey officiate, but in this were disappointed - and his Bro Brown, the baptist minister of Ware, He did well - The remains remains lie north of little George Hanson's - After we returned from the grave, as few friends yet called, before going to meeting in the evening - Mrs Thomas Mills, now widow - took one by the hand, and among her kind words - "She said, tell it not to mourn for her grandmother" - She felt that it would be wrong she had gone to a better home. I suppose we ought not to mourn on her account, but we have lost her pleasant company we have lost her prayers - I feel that she is a loss - a great loss to the Ch. But I must leave this subject to make room for other things - Yesterday our good brother - C. H. Putnam Ray was buried - died the day before - Mrs Page, Mrs. Dean's mother was taken sick about the time you left, died last Thursday, her husband still lives - but we expect every day to hear that he too has gone - When he was told, that his wife could not probably live - he expressed a wish, that they might both be buried in one grave. We know not who will be first call'd to give up their account to God - the well or the sick - All should stand waiting - & pray each member of this family be made better - by what we have experienced.

A Mag. came with the respects of Jefferson Ch. & Society for you who is Rec. & Paper, with three initials - of one of the Gilmanton girls, or one on the Catalogue - but your father has lost the wrapper and forgotten who they were. The Lyceum is to commence here one week from next Tuesday. The ladies invited to go on with their papers - Mr Stinson goeins them. — Mr. Willey's Books remain, & nothing heard from him. We cannot tell when H. will come - your father thinks not 'till after your return. We do not learn that any friends from W. — will visit us at present. Nothing from there since the morning after grandma D. died - We have not learned the Ch. I had left. We felt the earth-quake. Do not eat too much good fruit — some I suppose may do you good - We have had none from Mr. P. — Mr. W. and wife made us a call - after their return from the W. Mountains — The heat has been very oppressive for about a week - as much so at Concord — they have suspended their sch. for one week - Mr W. has passed along after Sarah this P.M. Said Mrs Whittle was at home sick. Have you not needed your Lawn dress? Have you all necessary clothing? Are you costive? Mr Bon- You used to take a tea-spoonful of cream Tarter & the same of ginger in a cruet

a tumbler of water, or going to bed - this you might easily do.
Now I will begin your dear father's questions. When was the Academy founded? Has there ever been a male department? Is it now employed by Trustees? Does she have anything but tuition for pay? What is the tuition for common branches? What branches are paid for extra, and how much? How many scholars had she last term? Have you scholars from out of town? Will she keep in the Winter? Do the Trustees at Dover take a special interest in the sch? Is it popular? Is it visited by Trustees or others for examination? What is the exact order of all your exercises in sch. from morning till night? Are you in sch. much without Mrs F? How do you at such times get along in government? Is there any other Academy or select sch. in D.? What are your text books in all the branches of study? What the ages of your pupils? Are they disposed to obey you pleasantly? Are there any good singers among them? Do you have to leave your Melodeum at the sch. room? If so what do you do about practicing? How far is your sch. from your boarding house? How far from the meeting-house? What kind of a sch. room? How many, and what are the different religious societies in town? Is D a pleasant place; fine walks &c? Why did Mrs F- leave S- Berwick? What was the subject of Esq Harrington's letter to Mrs F? He, Esq H is your great uncle, my dear mother's brother. I do not know whether you knew this or not. You must write once in two weeks without fail. Mrs Stinson has introduced "Russell & Goldsbury's American Common Sch. Reader," into his sch. He has no class in "Davies' Bourdon" except the "Introductory Lessons." Your father's health is very poor. He was taken with rather a severe dysentery about the time you left & it continued till our dear mother died - & then took the form of dysentery and has been bad until yesterday. His tongue looks much better today & I hope he will soon enjoy his usual health. I had waked so often in the night during grandma sickness - that it seemed as tho I could not sleep after she was gone - but I have been wonderfully sustained - and now I have had two good nights rest. It seems a trance to sit at table with

no one but your dear father — dearer now than ever. Achsah came in and dined with us today — She sends love to you — I have felt considerably exhausted — but now near as well as usual. How do you do in respect to regularity &c. I must close to mail this before Lecture — Mr. Willey, who returned home with

Love from
your father

Sunday Sept 10th 1843

Jairus Bowditch
" " & Pollard
Mr Nancy Ellis Merrimack

Mrs Antoinette B. Powers N. Y.

Sarah Carter — (Sarah well) was so kind as to say he would come & preach the Lecture — & Tried to get someone to come next Sab — He told your father he must not labor any more till he was better — I cannot stop to read this — Your father's discharge seems now effectually checked.
No fever — hope he will soon be well.

Yours & Mother —

Sep. 25 1846

Wilbur Lodge Pickwick Palmer Ingersoll Lyceum

Dear Sister.

I have not written to you since you left home, I have a great deal to say to you but I shall not say but little.

Brother Henry came home last Tuesday, He came down to Mr. Marshall's after me Mrs. Perley came with him.

I expect to go to school in about one week, think that I shall like much.

Mary Brown's Beau came to wait on her to newbury, his name is Edwards. Love to you.

Affectionately

George A Putnam

Have you had any thing done to your Bonnet? Do you have your meditation and prayers? any more spiritual conference? May the Lord help you and guide you to his glory. Amen.

Dear sister,

On Tuesday the 22, I took the cars at Towell, for Manchester, where I met Father, and reached home about 1 O clock; but no sister, brother, or Grondmother at home.

Where were they! I hoped brother and sister were yet living, and in the injayment of health, and streng th, but Grond mother has gone to another and a better world.

I wish you could have been at home so I could have seen you, but I suppose all is for the best.

I am afraid the Dunbarton Lyceum will all run down. They not a meeting last night and

chose Thom. Riley, Pres. and ~~xxx~~ he did not keep decent order, and acted so green, that the ladies soon left the house, and the gentlemen (all except members of the Lyceum) followed their example. I am sorry to give you such an account of the D. Lyceum.

I like "Beecher's Lectures to young Men" very much. I am going back next Tuesday.

Yours in much love,

Henry C. Putnam.

Dunbarton Sept. 26 - 1846

Ally Dear, very Dear Daughter,

Your father has just left home for Hooksett to exchange with Mr. Perkins. and I have, my work so far done, as to take possession of the study to write to you. H. & G have gone to pick some of our winter apples. I think they have enjoyed their visit very well; and I am pleased with his appearance. I expected he had been so constantly engaged in hard work that he would read worse than ever - but I think he has improved in reading, and seems to desire to. In addition to H. & G. we have had with us the past week your cousin Caroline Putnam, who will remain another week, and perhaps till you come home. There is some prospect that your Uncle Rufus will move to Epsom - if so C - will remain here untill they move. She sleeps in what we have long called "grandma's bed-room". But she rests in that "house not made with hands" Eternal and on high". C - is a little chatterbox, but a smart girl to work, almost ten years old. Untill the last two nights, I have scarcely had one good night's rest since the commencement of your dear grandma's sickness. After the funeral I felt

the weakness of my nerves, & then yours beloved father had some part of every night cough or catarrh or both, but we are both better - and I really hope shall soon be quite well. Mrs Burnham has a new son. Mrs. Gen Parker a daughter. Since Mary Abby Ireland recovered, her mother has had a fever and tho. now convalescent is very feeble. Mary G. Ingersol had a fever, and has for near two weeks been very sick indeed. I believe they think the fever has turned, & have stronger hope of her recovery. Mr. Caleb Page is dead. And Mrs. Dean, has gone or will soon go to Manchester, and will probably soon end her life there. Poor Carlton is left entirely desolate - I do hope he will seek and find a friend in Jesus.

Mr & Mrs Bradford Burnham have hired a house in Pembroke and at the commencement of next term are going to remove there and keep a boarding-house. The calculation is to have Abby help her mother the coming winter and study what she can. E. keeps sch. & Abram & Ann, I suppose attend sch. I do not know but the old folks will be happy - but it does not seem to me they will. I think Mr. Hadley has about 90 scholars. Not so many as was expected - The initials, wh. your father lost, he has found and they are if he has given them to me right, M. N. C. I thought he might mistake the middle letter - it might be A. - What he handed me were marked with a pencil.

I cannot say, my dear daughter that I have really felt lonely a moment. It seems as tho I could see my sainted mothers in heaven, holy & happy - free from sin - Praising God and the Lamb - I feel as tho. my home was there - and I almost feel as tho. I was with them now. Altho. I do not feel lonely I feel a very great vacancy - Look wh. way I will grandma has stood or sat there. O help me to plead with our prayer-hearing God that her death may do us all good - this family - & this beloved people.

The last mail brought a letter from your aunt M. Jay. All friends well as usual - She wrote that a very large proportion of the Soc - wished Mr. F to remain there - and had given him a call accordingly - that

he had as she said one expressed it "all the holiness is his favor - What if the character of the opposition was considered - it was of little consequence, comparatively. She said Mr. F. was to give his answer, tomorrow, or as she wrote - next Sabbath. Edson preached there last Sabbath - three good sermons - said he should go home and advise his brother to accept the call.

Miss Antoinette B Cutting
Lives
N. H.

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N. H.

M hoped he would. I must close for fear the Mail will come

yours in haste as usual
Mother

Father had no time to write this time - All love

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Dunbarton, Oct. 13, 1846.

My very dear daughter—

I preached last Sabbath upon the following theme:— "Good mothers a great blessing to children." Sermon, Gen. 35: 14. It is one that mourneth for his mother. I alluded to the fact, that my mother, & the mother of Mrs. H. had been recently taken, near the same time, to their everlasting rest; but did not particularise either of them, & made no application of the subject to my own case.

In bringing to view the blessings attendant on having a good mother, I spoke of the strength of a mother's love and of a mother's influence; and of the various ways in which she contributes to the happiness of her children, & assists to form them for usefulness here, & for glory hereafter. — I then, in closing addressed three classes of individuals. I. Those who had lost mothers. II. Those whose mothers still live. III. Mothers themselves, who have children under their care.

The sermon was listened to, with a good deal of apparent interest, & I hope will be the means of good. It occupied both parts of the day, an account of its unusual length. I had spent a good deal of time in preparing the sermon, & never before have felt so deeply impressed with a sense of the worth of a good mother. I had dwelt on this subject so intensely, & had become so absorbed with it, that I could hardly wonder, that my daughter, as in her last letter to Dunbarton, (which was received while this sermon was preparing,) should have for a moment, forgotten all but her own dear mother, and have omitted to send any kind words of remembrance to her father, tho I can assure you, such

words are always very delightful to a father's heart. for your father loves you, more than it is possible for words to express.

In your next, I wish you to write when your term will close, & what day & hour, as near as you can determine, you will be at Concord, at Goss's Hotel, ready to step into our wagon & come home. We are anticipating much from your society awhile after you return.

From your very affec. father,
John M. Stickney.

Jan 10 1846

Gilmanton Dunbarton, Jan. 10, 1846.

Dear A.

We are thinking about this time, that a letter from our dear Nelly, would be very acceptable indeed. Recollecting, too, that a good many weeks have passed since we received a letter from us, we have supposed that a letter from us would be very acceptable to you. We had the pleasure of receiving a letter from Henry last Tuesday. He mentioned receiving a letter for you, which probably, I think him up to write. So you see that your counsels have very effectual; & that encouragement to persevere. We do think you may do your brother a good deal of good, by often reporting to him kind & faithful advice. He is evidently much attached to you, & will perhaps be more readily influenced by you, than almost any other person. We hope you will try to do him all the good in your power. Mrs. Kimball wrote home in Hannah's letter. She still gives a good account of Lizzie. Henry mentioned having resolved at the commencement of the year, to be a good boy. We pray that he may keep this resolution, & that he may fully give his heart to God.

You wrote us to write a little something about the Seminary, in consequence of the flames. We never received a full account of the "Accident" at the time two weeks ago; but I will mention it as I have heard it all. Strength & beauty. It occurred at about

We enclose a "Mid Lent Card."

in the reading (to many readers). It will have done honor to any Society of literary ladies. — Some articles, in particular, were very pretty & drawn. I would mention for example, "The auto-biography of a drop of water": This indeed seems to be a small subject, but its execution is most ingenious. The little drop figures more, than any character you can read of in history. Its various journeyings in the "heavens above, and the earth beneath, & the waters under the earth," together with its various transmutations into ice & vapor, snow & sleet, springs & streamlets, rivers & cascades, gulphs & oceans, were given in a truly graphic style, and in a manner highly creditable to the author. Who the author was, we have not received even a hint. If we were allowed to guess, most likely we should say it was Miss Emma Willard, as the line of writing seems peculiarly adapted to her lively imagination. It is strongly hinted among some of the good ladies about here, that the "Beautiful Inscription," in the last Aurora previous to this, was written by one who is now a Gilmanton Student. It seems to have awakened a desire to hear more from the same source. And here, permit me to make a suggestion, which is, — that you write a letter, addressed to the Editress of the Aurora, stating the great pleasure you feel in the prosperity of that new literary emporium, — mentioning the good account you hear of it from time to time, and your hope that it will not only sustain its present reputation, but that it may rise higher & higher in the scale of excellence. Draw up this, in the form of

a private letter to the Editors, just as it is in a manner that if they saw fit to insert it in the paper, (as editors often do their private letters,) it would be suitable for publication. You can enclose the letter in one to us, unsealed, so that we can read it; and, after we have read it, we will seal, & forward it. I want you to do this, for their encouragement, which I think they highly deserve. At the close of your letter, it will be well enough to allude to your present situation, as trying to "climb the hill of science," & in stating what kind of auxiliaries you have in helping you forward. (Name some of your school, instructors, &c.)

I will just mention that, at the last meeting, I delivered a lecture to the young men, "on the importance of an intelligent & well disciplined mind, & of setting high their aims of usefulness in life;" and am to lecture again, three weeks from next Thursday evening, "on the importance of high moral attainments, & in the formation of character of decided worth."

We have yet received no word fr. Mr. Nichols about his keeping school here next spring. He is not sure that he attends Mr. Boston's meeting at C. & is a teacher in the Sabbath school. ——— We hope you will write to us, as soon as you can, after receiving this, (unless you have just written) & let us know all about your situation, & how you are getting along in each of your studies, at school, & in music, &c. Be particular, to write such things which you think will be interesting to us. From your very affec. father,

John H. Putnam.

Dunbarton N.H.
Jan 10th
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Miss A. B. Putnam,

Gilmanton Academy,
N. H.

March 31st 1846

by private mail.

Gilmanton Ir.s. for the 1st year academy

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Timbarton March 13th 1846.

My Dear Daughter,

Your dear father thinks of going in the Concord Railroad cars, and a few hours ago he saw Elizabeth Burnham, who told him she & Abigail had made up their minds to go to Gilmanton they expect to go the last of next week. They wished your father to write, and request you to make some inquiry respecting a boarding place. He told them he would write to you, and get you to speak to Mr. Young about it. It is necessary to engage a boarding place before they get there, in order to secure the best ones, I suppose they would wish him to do it, if not he might have one in reserve and recommend it to them on their arrival.

We heard, by our good brother Mr. H. Whipple who took tea with us this evening, that Louisa Hammond from Bow talked also of going to G— academy.

Abby Burnham has been a resident one of our first teachers here last summer & this winter. Most of our children have been taught by females, and your father thinks they have gained by the improved [illegible] from Turner [illegible] Kay Little is a good scholar [illegible]

By the [illegible] Burnham, I am told your brother [illegible] you and [illegible]

Grandma remains comfortable — Ezra Lovejoy to stay with us all the time. Ruth & Martha

Last week we received a letter from your uncle Rufus Wyer saying that they had no information respecting their beloved Sarah's sickness. Till the news of her death arrived. This painful news reached them about noon. They were very much overwhelmed especially your aunt. They had kind neighbors who came in to sympathise with them, and one remained all night. All they wrote respecting the disease of S. was that Dr. Vaught pronounced it inflamation of the stomach. Your uncle wrote, she had perhaps been ambitious to excell as a scholar, and very likely had studied too hard, as her brain" he added was evidently some affected. He said what made this trial ~~most~~ severe was, they had no decided, well grounded evidence that she had made her peace with God. Still they had one source of consolation. She was in the hands of a wise & good God. They hoped her death would be sanctified to the youth in their parish. A neighboring Baptist minister preached for your uncle the next Sab. after her death. and addressed about 40 or 50 young people, who were seated together in the body of the house. They were about commencing a protracted meeting & there was evidently more than usual seriousness, and some anxious inquiries among his people & which he wrote it was considered a revival. We hope many will be made the subjects of renewing grace there.

Yes, my dear A. it is true that your cousin S. is dead. Those rosy cheeks and active limbs, which you saw here last Spring now lie senseless, pale & cold in the tomb at Worcester. But my dear child, make your own heart your blessed Bible & religion your principal study. For all your natural & acquired faculties

be consecrated to the service of your Saviour. And do not my precious child, do not study too hard. I have felt so much anxiety, particularly since Sr death on this point, that I have sometimes wished we had concluded to let you rest from study this term, instead of adding one to your previous studies. And again I say, do not study too hard, and if you have any indications that your health suffers by too close application, cease from it, & rest.

George has gone through the Rule of Three & some beyond it. Involution, he went through in one evening. If you were here, he would soon be thro. Adams Arithmetic. George I think will be a good scholar. He sleeps in the north chamber alone. We live in the nursery. Thank Mrs W— for her attention to your poor eyes. A letter from H. today says he has not well of the humors yet. Nothing new or. Have you called on Mrs. Clark, She is sister to Mr Otis Rockwood's wife; or have you met with her or her daughter. She is a widow. Mother

Dear A. In regard to a boarding place for C. & E. Barnham, the request is, that you would get what information you can about it. The best place, in the opinion of Mr Denny or all, and if it is desirable to engage a place in order to make sure of it, then tell Mr Denny that their request is that he would engage it for them. They will probably arrive next week on Saturday, tho' it is possible they may be delayed till the first of week after next. — We want you to write us soon as you can after receiving this, & let us know how you spend the vacation. Did you make any visits, or calls, and where? Did you time pass pleasantly. Tell us also all about the school, — how many scholars of each sex — what studies they attend to, &c. Have you any to be in a class with you in Latin, or Mathematics, &c. How are you getting along in music? Are you the instrument, every day [illegible] Mr Putnam.

Miss Antoinette B. Putnam

Gilmanton Academy

N. H.

March 9 1846 March 9th 1846

Gilmanton

Dear A. I shall send your blue skirt by your friend. ~~A. L. B. if they can take it.~~ Should you have a convenient & safe opportunity to send anything you have worn out or do not want any more, to Mr. Rockton's, you might do up a bundle & direct it to your father, care of Mr. B. who will call for it. It might lighten the load if your father should go for you. The same if you come in the Stage.

I have forgotten whether I informed you that Dea Allen & wife, Capt Duke & wife, Widow Kay Capt. John & wife, Capt Kinsdell & wife, Mr. A. Smith & Sister, & Miss Emerson to assist me) who were unable to be here on the 9th visited us on the 18th of Feb. None of the Burnhams have visited us. But we heard Larkom said he should like to. - What new leaf will be turned over at the approaching soc. meeting, we cannot tell. Hope we shall be prepared for anything our Heavenly Father has designed for us. I never loved this people more, never felt more desirous to do them good. & yet it appears more difficult to know what I ought to do. Pray for ministers & their wives. that they may be clothed with humility - be patient towards all men - be meek. forbearing forgiving - quietly resigning themselves & families to the providence of God.

Saturday eve. 8 Oclock. I have just undressed Grandma Ober and fixed her in bed, she said as she often does, O how good the bed feels, this. I have to lie on it so much. She frequently says, Dear Antoinette I do not know do I shall ever see her! But there is more prospect of her living & being comfortable this coming summer than there was, one or two years ago.

I have visited at Capt Hinsons Capt. Whs Dr. Storrs. & Mr. C. Bakers. Mrs B. his wife, we expect will soon unite with our Church.

Your letter, received yesterday was truly cheering. To your eye entirely well! You will find very efficient help here for your Lyceum Paper, in the Misses Burnham. You

must have no unpleasant feelings, if they are considered the best writers. Do as well as you can and be glad if others can do better. Perhaps they are no better writers than that young Lady whom you thought of introducing to us, but they may be more splendid. Remember you are your own severest critic. I hope you will all try to do each other good & learn to love dearly. Are any of the young ladies now with you pious. If they are, I hope all will all let their light shine. If they are not, may you, my dear A. have wisdom from above to direct you in all your intercourse with them; and may you be the humble instrument of bringing them into the fold of Christ. Is your room mate the daughter of Mr Cavinow a Free-will minister?

sometimes, if you think of it, please ask Mrs. Clark, if your mother called on her when she lived in Northwood? and I in Epsom?, I am so forgetful of people whom I have just seen, I cannot determine whether I have seen her or not. Do not let her know it if, we have seen each other.

Wednesday eve. A splendid evening. Mr. Adams has a great Omnibus sleigh-load of singers here this eve, from Gilmanton to-morrow in the meeting house, well lighted up with our new lamps - purchased by those who were not members of our Soc. Perhaps I informed you of this before.

George has just been home to tell me that "the singing is very poor, and father said if you could come in, he thought you wd be much pleased!" I can not go. but I have been to the door and heard some sweet sounds. I suppose some will not deign to heed, who might. O that every heart might be filled with love.

And you perhaps are in your Lyceum now. Do your compositions appear there this eve; or do they wait for admission until next week?

Saturday eve. Do you always think of sweet home Sat eve? I have been cleaning the windows & paint & bed-tead Yesterday & to-day. I feel very tired, and very thankful, my home & friends were never dearer to me.

March 16 1846

Gilmanton

Dunbarton, March 12, 1846.

Dear A.

You are certainly deserving the credit of punctuality in your answers to our communications, and it is really a great comfort never to be disappointed, but always to receive a letter when we expect it. We endeavor, ourselves, to be prompt, of which you know your father thinks a great deal. We had a letter yesterday fr. Hemes, and were much pleased to learn that he remains with whom he has been so much afflicted hardly expected, & that his health is very good. We were also pleased to learn that Mr. Kimball will employ him through the summer, so that he will not have to change his place of residence till he finishes learning his trade, which will be in a little more than a year fr. the present time. Mr K will give him $35. or which will be amply sufficient to find him clothes. This will be doing very well, for a boy of 19 to get a trade in 18 months, & find his clothes at the same time. I should think he succeeded very well indeed in learning.

George is going to live at Mr. Marshall's this summer. It is the place of his own choice. They will undoubtedly treat him very kindly. He will probably go, about the middle of April.

As we have a good opportunity to send, I have thought best to forward you money sufficient to pay off all your bills, so that you can come to Concord in the stage, if it should not be convenient for me to go to G. for you. I enclose you $30,00 which I suppose will be sufficient. You better, as soon as you can, after receiving it, pay, in advance, for your board & tuition, to the end of the term, & take receipts for the same. Then you will be safe, & have no responsibility of keeping the money. I should like to have it stated in your next letter that you have thus done.

I am pleased to learn that the young men in the Academy have started a Lyceum, and invited the young ladies to assist with their pens. I am glad, too, the young are on the committee to examine & approve pieces. It will be a useful discipline to your own mind. The young ladies here, have kept up the interest admirably in our Lyceum. The last No. of the Aurora, I think was really equal to any of its predecessors. It contained, among other articles, "The sailor boy." I think the young ladies & Gilmanton better put their shoulder to the wheel in the summer & paper, containing editorials, communications, scraps, notices, & many things of the kind, to make it resemble a newspaper, and give it interest. You will find, I think, the Misses Brewster, efficient helpers. They rank among our very best scholars & writers, & withal, they are first rate teachers.

greatly rejoice, my dear daughter, that you are so well situated. Your advantages for improvement, in every respect, I think are admirable. You must not, when you receive an additional $30,00 to pay up your bills with — you must not, for a moment, imagine that I grudge any expense I am at for you. It is nothing compared with the benefit I hope it will be to you, in helping you to cultivate your mind, & to prepare you for increased happiness, usefulness & usefulness in future life. I feel that now is the most important period of your life, the very "nick of time!" (to use a common expression) to lay in a stock of knowledge, — to secure a good education, to cultivate the moral & mental powers which God has given you, & to prepare yourself to use those powers for the good of your species, & the glory of yr. Creator. And I am willing to forego almost any thing to promote this object. To part with money, to appear mean or the promotion of yr. happiness & usefulness, is but a small thing; — to be deprived of the pleasure of yr. society, is more, — but the object in view, overbalances all.

I have been a little particular on this point, because it would almost seem, sometimes, as if I were disposed to drive you away from home, — so ready have I been to provide for you abroad. I have sometimes almost feared you thought so. But I am with my motives to be duly understood, & estimated: — and I think you do understand them.

I send you the book you requested, & a couple of my Historical Sketches. You will please present one, in my name, to Dr. Cogswell, &

the other [illegible] as soon as you can that will be intensely [illegible] Cash with you in Boston, continue to like Latin as well? Your Studies? Is your health good? Willie now at Edmonton? How many scholars are there [illegible] your class leaders?

Speaking of requests, I send [illegible] Dictionary, I think you with, instead of using your [illegible] which probably you will have a little to make it go right.

what you please with. When you receive this, write me, and tell me how many [illegible] Are there any [illegible] in the [illegible] How are you getting along in each of your [illegible] How does your Grandma? Do you sing Alto, or Treble, or Soprano? Do you play any instrument, if there is a Harmonicon or Melodeon reporting [illegible] old key constantly. You will find it more convenient. From your dear father,

F. M. Pettman.

Miss A. B. Pettman,
Edmonton Academy,
Care Mrs. Willis's.
N. W. T.

Mr Reid
January
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April 30 1846
Gilmanton

My Dear Daughter,

Your dear father had a very pleasant journey; he passed the first night with Henry, at Mr Kimballs. He was better pleased with all he learned about your dear brother than he expected to be. He seems entirely satisfied with his situation, and the family greatly attached to him. He felt an inclination to learn some other trade, at which he could work in summer, till he could earn money sufficient to purchase a farm. Your father proposed his being a Mason; he assented; Mrs. H— mentioned a pious man, a few miles from them, who was a Mason & took apprentices. They went to him, and the business was soon settled. He engaged to take H. one year from this month. will have his labor eight months in a year, for three years. gives him the first year $ 50.00 the 2nd 62. the 3d 75. Every body says, a noble offer. also it respects this world his prospect seems sufficiently good. Pray much my dear ch. that he may become a christian.

From Bradford Andover your father went to Boston & Chelsea — then to Westboro'. He found my dear mother better than she had been — but so feeble that she has relinquished all work, and

her food, together with father's, is cooked and carried in to their room. Jane was expecting to be married last week on Wednesday - if Mr. Belknap was well enough. He was unwell when your father was there. All other friends well. Henrietta had engaged in a school at N. England Village for a year. Your Cousin E - who kept her is in an academy at Stockbridge. Mass.

From N - your father visited his bro Aaron - found them much as usual - then on to Woodstock Conn. to see his Uncle. Then turned his course, and arrived home one week ago, last evening. Friday.

Yesterday Mr Leonard Parker came in town, and with him came Mr Kimball, his Minister, who used to live and I believe went to sch. at Gilmanton, once. at Dea. Parkers. He is now a member of Amherst College. He has, recently, indulged hope in Christ. & I do rejoice with him; and his parents & friends. I hope he is a chosen vessel to bear the name of Jesus to others who are sitting in darkness. There has been something of a revival in A. College. And you have probably heard there is one in New Haven; & some of the students of Yale are subjects of the work. These are evidences that God has heard prayer. & I do hope the Holy Spirit will work among your dear associates. That many may be made subjects of renewing grace, before you separate. It is almost certain you will all never meet again in this world. O my dear A. may you leave an influence on the minds of your companions which will lead them to believe that your treasure is in heav-

ey, and lead them to "look to Jesus" and obtain the pearl of great price.

Your father now thinks he shall go to G— for you, and would like to be there at the examination. So we wish you to write by the bearer of this (Mr James Kimball) and let us know the exact day of the close of the term - and whether the examination is on that day - Whether - forenoon - afternoon, or evening - or all three. And mention any other particulars, which you think it desirable for him to know.

Pick up your things, my dear A. beforehand as much as you can, and get them put up for home. Search - and be careful to get all. Your father thinks if the examination closes soon enough, he shall take you to Mr. Patrick's the same evening. Circumstances may occur that may prevent your father from going for you - If so you must take the stage. And when does that go from Gilmanton to Concord?

Grandma says always send my love to Antoinette. I came near forgetting to tell you that I think of having you go with your father, when he goes to Boston, the last week in May.

This I expect will be the last letter I shall write to you, while you are in G— Present my sincere thanks to Mr & Mrs H. for all favor. I shall be happy to see them.

Your very affectionate Mother. A. P—

Dunbarton N.H.
Apr. 30

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Miss A. B. Putnam,
Gilmanton Academy,
N. H.

Aug 25 1846

Dover

Dunbarton, Aug. 24, 1846.

My dear daughter—

Before you receive this, you will probably have addressed a letter to us. If you have not already answered the following inquiries, please answer them in your next, & let your next be written as soon as convenient after receiving this.— How many scholars have you at the school you are connected with? and of what ages are they? What do you teach? What Miss Foster teach? How many hours occupied? Do you find yourself pleasantly situated? your boarding-house? What do you study? How do you succeed in leading the singing at School? Do you have your Melodeon in School? Do you, or do you expect to, sing with the choir on the Sabbath? What kind of singing have they? What singing book, & what Hymn book do they make use of? Who, & what kind of a minister have you? What are your religious privileges? What of the families to which Mr. Willy gave you letters of introduction? How is your health? Have you heard from any of your friends since you have been at Dover?

When you write, just say this letter before

you, & see that these Exercises are all engaged, & give us all other information which you think will be interesting.

Since you left, we have received a letter fr. Henry. He is well, & I should think in good Spirits. He writes to George "I most guess you think it pa'thers hard now to work, but by & by you will thank father for keeping you at work." I was pleased with this, as it shows that he feels that it has been a good thing for him to be kept at work. He says "I have not written much to you, Sister Nette, but when I get home, I will talk with you almost all the time." He writes that he expects to visit Dunbarton before Thanksgiving, with Mr. Kimball.

Brother Hafes came here last week on Monday, & again on Friday. Preached at Epsom last Sabbath. Possibly he may be employed there, but I do not yet know. His family is in usual health. I close here, leaving a very important part of the letter for your dear mother to write.

From your very affectionate father,

John M. Putnam.

My Dear Nette.

We have had a few vis-
en of our sisterly neighbors call on us today.
They are all rather feeble, hardly one able to watch.
I have continued to take care of our dear Moth-
er every night since you left, except one, I am
as well as when you left. Mother P. I think is
very gradually failing - still there is some hope
that she may recover. if not she may live, for
weeks. Jerome will remain with me.
My own dear mother has reached that
home for which she had many weeks
prayed. She mentions prepared for her by
the Saviour, of whose preciousness she spake
about five minutes before her death.
She breathed her last a few moments before seven on
the 13th. Funeral was appointed on the following Sabbath morn.
at 8 o'clock. The letter we read was written the morning after
"her happy spirit took its flight." Mr. Baird just called, he
came to Dea. P.'s last week - is going to Chester Brookfield &
to visit friends - on to his father's. enquired kindly after you.
Mr Stinson commenced his as he was expected. had
nearly 30 scholars last week, & today (Monday) 38 - more
after hop-picking. I attended meeting last Sabbath
forenoon. Prayer was offered that the death of my dear
Mother might be sanctified to us and our beloved chil-
dren. May it be so.

Your affectionate Mother.

25. P.S. Our dear mother seems gradually failing. I
take her away little nourishment, & keep a record of her
time. She does not require very constant attention. Your
dear mother seems wonderfully strengthened to take care of.

S. M. W.

Rec'd Jan 15

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Dimberton N.H.
Aug 25

Miss Antoinette B. Putnam,

Dover, N. H.

Case of Miss S. Foster.

Dunbarton Oct. 20, 1846.

My dear daughter -

I was arrived this afternoon. You are very excusable for the "omission" for which you apologized. We have found Ruth's letter, & now forward the same. We have read it, & think it very good. She has exceeded our expectations wonderfully, as a writer, especially of poetry.

My main object in writing to you now is, to charge you to leave none of your things at Dover. You will recollect, you have generally forgotten your watch. Think of it this time, as well as every thing else. Be sure & have your key. Should Mrs Gi forget to hand you the money for your stage-fare, do not fail to remind her. Tell her your father has furnished you with no funds for stage fare, & you shall, of course, have to be dependent on her. We are pleased with the idea of seeing you so soon. Give our most cordial respects to Miss G. I saw her brother, at Deerfield last week. His health is much improved. I expect to exchange with him the 1st. Sabbath in November. The last meeting of the Association was unusually interesting. The "Synod" was read for the first time this fall; the discussion was more able & animated than common. — Look up your mail straps, & see that they are drawn as tite as they can be around your trunks & inform the driver that there is a valise in your other box, & request him to carry it with care. We all send much love.

From your affec. father,

John M. Putnam.

P.S. I will endeavor to have a teacher ready for you, on Tuesday next, when the stage arrives. Please call at Bass's Hotel. A. M. W.

Lexington Co. Court next. Sentence (Court 24) 4 cents
Speak to Mr. Edmunds about it. Your letter, I'll receive.

Miss Charlotte B. Bellamy,
Darien, Ga.

Dear Nellie— I received this letter, & have been to Court, & cannot write that the stage does not go up from Darien till half past seven in the evening, which will be too late to have you home the same evening. Can you stay Tuesday night & come up in the morning? Let me know by return mail, for I expect to start on Wednesday morning. Kind ladies, adieu. Yours truly, W. M. Wilson

My very dear A— I received your little letter with great pleasure. It is not the size of the gift that we regard, but the motive of the giver. This magnifies the smallest gift taken of friendship, and makes us prize what would otherwise be of little value. But a little letter may contain many valuable thoughts. and these thoughts may call forth other thoughts, and these exert the same influence in their turn, and so continue. till — where shall we stop? who can estimate the power of a single thought! No finite mind, can make the ~~calculation~~ ~~estimate~~. Eternity alone can reveal the mystery.

I was greatly interested in a sermon from Mr. Bluten a few Sabbaths since, from the words, "An innumerable company of Angels." He considered, first, the existance of a higher order of beings than man, called angels. 2 Their nature. 3 their office. I wish you could have heard him. My paper is too small to give you any idea of the train of thought he pursued. I wish I could retain every sermon I hear.

I am gratified to hear you are so pleasantly situated, but gratified still more to know you are expecting to return home so soon. I am not a stranger to the emotions which will fill your heart as you enter that sacred place. There will be a blank — a vacancy which can never be filled. A thousand tender recollections will swell your bosom, and cause the burning tears to flow afresh. But the tie which bound you to this loved friend on earth, may now draw you towards that world where her ransomed spirit has found a home. If we follow her example we may at last share in her triumphs and reward. It is not probable we shall reach that advanced age which she attained. But what life is long which answers lifes great end?

The Lyceum has commenced and a paper is expected, but what the result will be is uncertain. There are but few to write I shall do what little I can. Do come home quick and help us. You must write, so begin to collect your thoughts — search every nook and avenue, and bring forth from the treasures of thought, something to please and benefit, and you shall be received with many welcomes. I have been told that D. Rider does not intend to write; for what reason I cannot tell. Must the paper fail for want of contributers to its columns?

For Antoinette

'Sister never let thine eyes
Moisten with a tear;
Or thy bosom heave a sigh
When this earth looks drear.
Just beyond these scenes of gloom,
Fragrant flowers immortal bloom.

When from those held near and dear
Thou art called to part,
Let this thought thy bosom cheer,
And sustain thine heart—
When the conqueror death is slain
Thou shalt meet them all again.

Long we shall not journey here
Absent from our love;
Swift the moments disappear,
Soon we'll meet above—
Join in that ecstatic song,
Which angelic harps prolong

Fear not, faint not by the way;
In God's strength, be strong;
He will all thy toils repay,
Pilgrim haste thee on.
Crown unfading thou shalt wear
And heavens unending glories share.

Please accept this simple effusion, from the heart of one who loves you, and desires your best good in time and in eternity. They will not t

Oct 20 1846

Dover

Miss. A. B. Putnam

Dover

N.H.

Love to Miss Foster. I remember her
as my former Sabbath School Teacher.

If you excuse all mistakes
you will find enough to excuse

Yours sincerely—

A Knowlton

Write your mother to your father & them if you can

Oct. 30 1846

Dover

My Dear Daughter,

My age seems to be the first thing that requires attention. I was born in Oct. 1792. Now by fixing this in your mind you may retain my age, or rather by your Mathematical powers you may at any time ascertain how many summers have passed over my head. I cannot realise the fact, but I know if information respecting my birth has been given me correctly, I am 54 years old. At this age, or approaching to its boundary line I am left a motherless child. I have great reason for gratitude that it was not in infancy, childhood, or at an earlier period. O How many & great have been my priveleges. O that I might bring forth fruit according to the culture I have received.

The book you have purchased for H. I think can be sent from here to Dea. Eton's & he will get it soon after it is left there. We have not written to him yet since he left us. We will inform him about you & give love. I think he thinks more consistantly about dress than he used to; & seems to wish to study economy. He expected a part of his work this fall would be to sell fruit in Lowell.

Elis. Barton told your father a short

time once. She had received no answer to the letter she wrote you. If you have time - do write her She is teaching in Mr. Ballard's district.

Mary Ann Rice is going to move to Epsom. Will probably get his family there next week. Carrie will remain here till they get settled - perhaps till you come home. She says she wants to. She is a real high fly. But good to work. She sends love to you. Respects to Mrs Saunder's if you shd meet him again. I shd think he was about as large when we left E as George is now. I am sorry the toothache shd prevent you from being in the sewing circle, but glad it was not so severe as to prevent you from reading French. Two Catalogues of Dartmouth Coll. have been sent to you. One from Richard Hayes - & the other from Hayes Worcester Adams. Both post paid.

Mr. H has given his answer not to stay at W. We knew E - & was going to leave Hon. Mr. Shepard is going to remain at C. for the present. Not many Apples. Perhaps you will think it best to get you a winter bonnet & have nothing done to that you have till Spring. But do as you please. Perhaps I may have a winter one too.

I rejoice that you have had special enjoyment in religious duties. If we read the Scriptures with self application - keep near the throne of grace, watch and pray, we and trust in a Saviour's merits, need not fear for time or eternity.

Achsah sent a letter here yesterday to enclose in this - but it has slipped out of

ought. & we will if pound put it in the next.
George has written on the Slate. but your
father thinks not best to delay the Letter
to put it in. as the mail will be here soon.
Your Mother is quite hoarse
A B. P

Mrs Antoinette Putnam

Boxes

No 184

Be watchful & prayerful. Look inward & upward.

Dec. 10 1846

Dover

Dumbarton Dec 9th 1846

My very Dear Hattie

We have always had new cause for gratitude on the reception of a letter from you. So it was yesterday. If exercise will be of use to your health, I should think you had enough. I trust something more than the time you left home until you reached Dover. Did you have no trouble from any of your carriage on the way? Do your teeth keep still & behave as they ought? I think you had better not calculate on attending evening meetings. And as to the choir meetings, you had better not attend them unless you can have good company on the way & not then unless the weather is mild and pleasant and unless you find you can do it without injury to your health or studies. You did not say whether you had purchased a bonnet, mention it in your next-also whether you have got your dress done, I suppose you are now drawing as it is a little past ten. You did not mention where you first met Miss F. I supposed the roughness of the weather might prevent her from seeing you at Mr. C's Monday eve.

Monday & Tuesday after you left we had as we expected Hannah Colby & niece here and completed pantaloons for your father & Ja. went to meeting and had Mr. Leroy & wife and got home at tea, they did not know that you were gone-were sorry not to see you. Wednesday had washing & ironing & baking and regulating to do, and was so tired I did not go to Lyceum. Thursday evening but had a pleasant time alone, at home, your father and J. went & had a fine debate

I will get your father to write you a little about E.
Since you left there have been two papers sent you
from G. Vie (the Alice Branch) from C. P. the other from T. Fox
W. This was the Boston Daily Rev. & inclosed orders of Exercises,
which we will send you. Send a paper or letter soon to G.
to let them know that you are in Dover.
Abram Caldwell came to me Sabbath noon - enquired
particularly after you, and wished her love put in to our first
letter. Returns some for her. Also Abby B. sends love & desires
you to write her & direct to Bow. She called, in hope
of seeing you about eleven Sat. as soon as she returned
from Mr Riders. (By the way, we were glad you did not go
there) H Colby & Alice said the Ingersolls were the subject of talk everywhere were they went - They expect to
leave town in about two weeks. Miss B. & Agnes & Mary
all left this week on Monday & Thursday. Sophia's letter
was published last Sat. Elizabeth Hazelton has come
home I believe to spend the winter.
Perhaps you can give a description of some them
you see in D. or write something else for the Observer
if you can. I think it would be very acceptable.
Dec. 10th your father says E. P. is not at G. this winter.
Your dear father has gone this beautiful Thursday
morning to visit Pinardville, one Mr Riders.
Lucy Colby I believe left only one week, and H.
has taken her place. I am not lonely tho. much
alone. I have excellent company (books & papers)
all about me. If they could speak out their
contents or I could see them more distinctly
I should receive much more instruction
from them. Should you like to have me
send you an advocate of Mr. R. and would
you shew it to Mrs. C & Miss F. They are all
excellent. George seems increasingly interested in
his studies. Builds the fire most mornings.
Nothing from H. since you left. Make
my love to your family friend. I begin to be
acquainted with them and of course to love. Respect
to your teacher. Tell her I am glad you are under her
care.

Dear A.— Your mother has requested me to write a little about the Exercises. The first one I take to you is the position which Mr. Samuel Bowman took in his argument in support of the question:— Is education in literature & science essential to happiness? His position was this: That genuine happiness was to be found only in the knowledge & service of God, and that it was thro' the medium of literature that God was made known to us, & that all our correct knowledge of him, & his will, was acquired. We were dependent on literature for Divine revelation; and, without this, we should stumble at every step; we should be involved in total moral darkness. Of course, we could not be truly happy. Take away literature, said Mr. B., & you take away the Bible, & all that knowledge of God, & of ourselves, which it contains, & thus take away the great source of enjoyment to rational minds. What was called happiness, aside from this, was mere animal gratification, like that enjoyed by the inferior orders of creation, & was not worthy to be ranked as happiness, among beings destined to immortality. ——— It was contended by those who argued the negative of the question, that good men of old, the patriarchs, for example, did enjoy happiness, tho' their views were not then unburied. ——— It was replied, that tho' literature, in its present form, was not theirs, they had literature of some kind. They had their hieroglyphics, & other signs of ideas, by which they were enabled to write books. It was, in fact, the literature of the ancients that introduced us to them, & that made us acquainted with the origin of our race, as well as with the character & attributes of God. Mind as could not have known that the ancients were happy, had not their circumstances been made known to us by their literature.

Thus you see that the argument for the affirmative was triumphant, & it was decided unanimously, by a very full vote, — only one little no, coming out in the negative.

If genius & talent is found in every nation, why not the capacity for happiness?

I accord with what your mother says about attending Church meetings & Sabbath evening meetings. Still, if you can associate with the choir, enough to be able to sing with them at meeting, I should be very glad to have you. I wish you to make all the improvement you can in music, but wish you, by all means, to take care of your healths. — Write in your next all about your studies — how far your boarding house is from the Academy, whether you take the lead of singing at the school as before, & play on your Melodeon, and whether you play & sing any to the family in which your board. Give my best respects to Mrs Foster.

Very affectly, your father
John M. Putnam

Miss Arabinette B. Putnam,
Dover, N. H.

Dec 10th

Dec. 24 1846.

Dover

Dunbarton, Dec. 23. 1846.

My dear H.

Yours "was received, at just the time" we "expected!" And I would now say, once for all, be sure to write as often as once a fortnight, whether you get a reply or not. You may, however, depend on a reply, if we have any thing in particular to write. In regard to the Shaddel, we are pleased, if you are, with many thanks to Mrs. D. for her kind interest in your behalf. She certainly exhibits evidences of real friendship to you, & I think we ought to believe she feels it, till we see some evidences to the contrary. It is a good way, & tends to promote the happiness of the community, to think as well of our fellow beings, and have them think as well as they can, consistently, of us. We shall enjoy ourselves much better in this way, than by cherishing mutual jealousies. — But what am I proposing about? I did not think of writing a word at the time when I began. In your first letter, you mentioned that you had not, then, your "studies arranged;" in your second, you forgot, did you not? to tell us what the arrangement was, when it was made. We should like to know about this. — especially, what progress you are making in Latin, & how you like it. We should like to know also whether Mr. & Mrs. Clark are professors of religion, & belong to Mr. Barrow's Ch.? and whether Mr. Clark's brothers are? And likewise the wife of the one who lives in the house with the Dr.?

Your letter, affectionately, John H. Wilson

Many many salutations have you? Give us, in your next, a little account of the manner in which Esther Lane is employed, from rising to retiring to rest.

My very dear A. Your pa-ther has fitted the first page of this sheet & brought it to me, & gone at his usual time to rest. His health he says he thinks is about as it was usually before his recent illness. His appetite good. & I hope he will have this great blessing continued to him. My health good.

Next, I will say, (as I forgot it in my last) give my love to S. Burtis, I am glad to hear she is doing so well. I mentioned what you wrote about her to her mother— she seemed pleased. I told her she could send any message if she wished in this letter, but she said, she thought they should write to her this week.

With your letter, yesterday, came one from Mrs. Hatch, and one from your Uncle Elmer. So we had quite a post. The chest for me is probably at Concord now, and we hope it will be here tomorrow morning. There will be a solemn pleasure in seeing these memorials of my dear departed mother. Ellen & Jeanette are both at home, sewing straw. Mr. B. Foster E— wrote was keeping their sch. tho. he did not say, boarding with him— "Berwick — stars — Susan & Charley go to sch. and we have a good sch." he writes. Grandfather comfortable.

Mrs. H— writes, that Eliz. is in East Canada. Sherbrook, capital of the Eastern Prov. likes well. She is principal of the F. D. in the Academy there, & has an assistant who teaches F. & Drawing. She teaches only Embroidery, has between 30 & 40 scholars. Sarah is at S. Hadley. —— Two weeks since, I received a letter from Mrs. Boardman. She was very glad, she writes, of the postscript from you in a letter I sent to her last June. Will. is in Boston attending Medical Lectures — his eyes well. Whitney is in the family of an Epis. minister, in Vt. teaching — has 5 pupils — spends 4 hours in a day with them, the rest of the time is his own.

Last week we had a letter from Eunice Ballard. She is in Va. has been very unwell & left Baltimore on that account, is better — and expects to commence teaching again in Va in June. Love to you — Mrs. Morgan (thank Ed Swell) is at her mother's, for she writes I have not seen her yet. Capt. Skinner is considerably better. — Deacon says, do press A. to write something for us. A. & Mrs. H. & Mrs. Wilson are all that have written — except "Little J." And if little J can find time to write one page I should be glad.

I was in hopes you would find a revival in progress when you returned to Dover. But I suppose you did not or you will

have mentioned it. Horrace Caldwell, I believe you knew was serious before you left. He continues to be so. His mother told me yesterday at the Ch meeting, that week before last he was in great agitation of mind. He came to the Sabbath sch. pr. meeting last week - and she said he had been much more composed since then - she thought it did him much good - he was at the Ch meeting yesterday - and ~~your~~ father said he was very attentive to all he said. I do hope he will become a decided Christian.

The Ingersolls left Dear P. this morning. Jane desired love to you - and wished you to write her. I was very glad you changed your shawl - I feared all the time, you had nothing warm enough. I mean to send Mrs. P. a bushell of good apples. Think she & Johnny would like them?

Please attend to what george has suggested below. You will probably have a view of what will not soon if ever be witnessed in little quiet Dunbarton. I hope you contrast the splendor & parade of Episcopalianism & Catholicism with the simplicity of the Gospel of Christ. We had thought before your last letter that we should not write so often as once in two weeks (and if we do not you must think all is well) but we seem to fill our letters with something ——— I am reading the life of Baxter. He had much faith in prayer. He often believed the prayer of others for him was heard and answered. His health was feeble & he thought generally that he had not long to live. He says he found this impression an invaluable blessing to him. It weakened temptation - kept the world in contempt - taught him highly to esteem time, so that if any passed idly or unprofitably it was painful to me. Time seemed to me, he says more precious than gold or any earthly good. Whether in sickness or health I think it well to cultivate the impression that time is short, for it is a reality.

My Dear Sister.

I should think that you would have a pretty interesting account of what you witness to-day (tomorrow), to send to us, for the Tycoon. Tell us if you see a procession of Catholics in the streets. Mother wishes you to give an account of the ceremonies you see to day, & some of your reflections on them. Have you got my little Slate, I cannot find it, & did not know but you had taken it with you.

Yours in love.

George & Hitman.

We suppose you will be at home by Friday

The Chest, with its precious contents is here before me in the nursery. The tid screams down stairs and no body but myself at home, & I must wait some hours, before I can have it opened. Dea. P— & your father have gone to try to settle difficulties in St. Wilson's ch. It is a bad case for y'r father. The rivalries in Mr & Mrs Wilson are all up, and the same in Mr Adam's family. O that every baby loved to cultivate Love. David Kimball has got home. He says he was not turned out only as he turned himself out. Dea. Wingate you know kind hearted he was. He thought he would have done well & kept a good sch. if a number of the parents had not upheld their children in disobedience.

Your ever affectionate Mother.

Miss Whitmarsh St. B. Putnam
Dover
N. H.

Dea. Lovejoy's Family
Dr. Hill's

Princeton, May 8, 1847.

My very dear Lollie,

I have in possession four, your two small keys, and, if you wish to have the large key sent, as soon as I write to the others to send it, so that you will be sure to get it, I will send that in another letter. I should have sent it in this letter, but supposed it probable you had been obliged to have the lock forced off, & a new lock put on, which would be furnished with a key, and that the old one would be of no use to you. You better now, to avoid entirely any trouble of this kind in future, write down on a slip of paper, every article which you carry out of your trunk & band box, viz. keys, watch, &c. &c. and never leave one place to go to any other, without examining the slip of paper, & being sure that you have every article. Just tell me in your next letter that you will carefully accept this plan, & it

will relieve me of a good deal of anxiety about you. Leaving things here after. The first comes must be possibly helped, & we must make the best of it.

Your uncle was installed over the Congregational Church in Person on Thursday last in due form. I came home Thursday noon. Found all well. Mrs Abbot, (Thankful Mitchell that was) has arrived. I have not seen her, I do not know when the wedding is to be.

I hope, my dear daughter, you are employing yourself well in your present situation, & that you are preparing yourself for great usefulness. I feel that it is a great sacrifice of pleasure to have you gone, yet the consideration that you are increasing daily in knowledge, fully reconciles me, & the same consideration, I trust, reconciles you to the separation. Be faithful, my daughter, & I have no doubt but heaven will richly attend you. Strengthen, & exercise strong faith.

From your very affectionate father

John M. Peirson

Please state in your next letter whether you received those keys in proper season, & how to manage to get a copy with a [illegible] & [illegible] else can think will be interesting to us. J.

Lancaster Penn
May 8th
Paid 5

Miss Ann[illegible]tte B. Putnam,

Albany, N.Y.

Care of Miss. Catharine E. Beecher

Teacher of Young Ladies, connected with the State Normal School, under a course of training as teachers for the West.

L. H. Putnam
May 13th 1841

Dear Mother & Sister, Sept 1st 1847

Yours of the 25th ult. was received by me on the 29th ult. & I was very glad to hear from you, & to learn that you were all well. I have written you a letter since, which I hope you have received before this. I have also written to Father, which letter I hope he has received. I have also written to Uncle Wm. Barstow, which letter I hope he has received. I have also written to Uncle Wm. Barstow, which letter I hope he has received. I have also written to Uncle Wm. Barstow, which letter I hope he has received.

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Esq. Mills, who went from this town some years ago. He said you could accompany him there, or remain at the place where he will leave the cars, till his return, which will be after an absence of one night. But your mother has suggested that perhaps you better keep right on to Detroit, & so spend the night with Mrs. Bradford. This is a good idea; I should be very glad to have you visit Mrs. B., pay her son for bringing your box from New Boston to Detroit, as well as give him many thanks. But be exceedingly careful of your baggage. See that it is always with you. If you come from Albany to Westbound alone, or any part of the way, be careful of both yourself & baggage; & see that you are right & whenever there is a change of cars. Have all your thoughts about you. So, likewise, in coming from ~~Boston~~ Westhoro thro' Boston to Concord, be exceedingly careful of both yourself & baggage. In regard to things which you convey out of your trunk and box, be sure to take a complete list of them, before you leave Mr. Haddock's for Chicago, & examine that list when you leave Yankee settlement; & examine it every time you leave any place on the way, where you make any stop. I refer now to such things as your watch, keys, umbrella, &c. Just do this, & you will be sure not to forget any thing, & you will be very likely to do, if you have no memorandum. You will write me, as you suggested, just as soon as you

got to Westboro, telling me when I shall go to
concord to meet you. Mention the hour. If I
should not be there in a few minutes after your
arrival, better call at Rev. Mr. Noyes' where
I will call for you, or not finding you at the
depot. —— I wrote you a letter about 10 days ago, which
you have probably received ere this, it is hoped as
well as yours come. I then stated that your dear
mother was no better; but I have now the un-
speakable satisfaction of telling you that she
is decidedly gaining. Let us bless the Lord for
his kindness. I feel greatly encouraged now that
she will regain her usual health. I have nothing
else now of special interest to communicate.
May the Lord protect & bless you, whether in the
house or by the way, & bring you safely back
to the paternal roof. I can tell you, you will
be welcomed with unspeakable pleasure. I shall
probably forward to you some Sabbath Manuels
by Dea. Baker, for gratuitous distribution
in the best way you can. It is a valuable little
pamphlet on Sabbath keeping. Hope you will
be able to forward some of them to Yankee Settlement.
Your mother & myself wish you to present our
warmest thanks to Mr. & Mrs. Haddock, for their
kindness to you; and also to Elder Knapp & wife, & all others
you can where you have received special kindness. We
all send you much love. We have recently heard from
Henry — he is very well, so also is George, & dear little M. J.
who is anticipating your return home with the intense delight.
Your affectionate father
John M. Putnam.

P.S. Say Mary Jane a
few lines, also Hattie
Rowe & Henry Rowe &
Mary Ann Hall.

Paid. 10

Miss Antoinette B. Kellman,
Lockport, Will Co, Illinois,
Yankee Settlement.
Please forward this immediately.

Douglas May 15. 1847

My ever Dear Netty,

You can imagine, better than I can express the joy & gratitude we felt at the reception of your letter from Albany. Very great has been the goodness which our Heavenly Father has shown to us, and to you. May we ever serve him with all our powers.

The keys (except the large trunk key) your father sent on from Dunbarton in a letter. Say in your next if you have received them. Have you bought an umbrella? What is done with your cotton cloth? Do you have any too much to do for your comfort? What do you think this month's instructions will be worth to you? Who do you hear preach? How many denominations & what among those who are now with you? How do you like them all? Is there only one boarded in a place? Have you seen any one you ever saw before?

Is your health perfectly good? Beware to take care of that. Be careful not to overdo in study or work.

In regard to deciding where you teach, so far as you have a voice in it. The less the distance from home the better, & the more healthy the place, all other things being equal. I learned at W— that a great many people had gone from there to Illinois. Joseph Grout at Warsaw is the extreme West of that state. Jonathan G. his brother not very far from W— Mrs Parsons in Byron on Rock river, her brother E. Fisher not far from B. These are a kind of cousins to you. The Grouts are preachers. Mr. W. C. Foster is in Ohio, Summit Co. Cuyahoga Falls. We heard a letter read from him to Dr Pond & wife & Alfred & Lucy; very good. He was undetermined whether to remain in Ohio, or to go farther west.

After I left you, I went to your uncle Ponds, and remained there and at your aunt Martha's till Thursday Morning. Your Uncle Harrison conveyed me, next morning, to your Uncle Elmers where

we spent the day very pleasantly, and received an invitation to Ellen's wedding. which was to be on Wednesday evening May 12. I returned with M- & spent the night at Dr Pond. made some calls, & near night I went with my oldest uncle to the south of W- where my grandparents used to live. visited two Uncles & one aunt, (Blake,) and returned to Martha's & spent saturday night, After meeting I went home with your Uncle Galloway's family, and Monday & Tuesday & Wednesday were spent with Mr & Otis' families. Here I turned dress-fitter- cut & basted two dresses. which suited finely. Your Uncle H is very unwell; suffers much as Georgge & Henry did, with a terrible tumor. They think Hannah has a good husband, we shall probably call on her in Randolph- She lives about a mile from your aunt Paine. She and Maria have both made a profession of religion. So has Ann- your Uncle C's daughter. Avers suffers immensely. His complaint is scrofula. He has one bunch on the side of his neck three times as large a my tumor. one on each side almost under the arm. about as large as my tumor. These they have poulticed for four months- Trying to bring them to sores. The matter points in a great many direction. Two openings have been made- & if he should live there will sometime perhaps be a dozen more made; but he is very short breathed- & feeble. I should not think strange to hear of his death at any time. I have been thus particular to shew you how grateful you ought to be for health. And a thousand times more grateful ought you to be for any evidence of an interest in the merits of a crucified Saviour. He has no evidence that his heart has ever been changed. Said if he had- he thought he should be willing to die- Pray for this cousin.

Your father arrived at your Uncle Otis' on Wednesday afternoon. brought your letter. Which led us feel a way. how

kindly God has ordered all things: I felt as tho. I ought to keep a day of thanksgiving - but one day I did not think would do. All my days ought to be such.

Wednesday eve, we went to the wedding - aunt Martha and I were the only aunts on the brigham side - & Henrietta the only cousin. About 30 adults were present, The ceremony was at eight O. clock. Most of the company stood & remained standing till the cake (only one kind) and water were passed. They separated between 9 & 10. We passed the night & saw Ellen & her husband take leave of her paternal home. Jeanette will probably leave in the course of one year. And Henrietta (now about 26) has a similar prospect before her. She is engaged to a Mr. Sam. Griggs Merchant in W. some younger than herself.

We are going to remain here till Monday morning. & then, providence permitting, we shall take the way to Medway - Randolph & Bridgwater &c &c. I begin to feel as tho. home would be "sweet". Father is very comfortable. Your father has a cold - sore throat &c. I hope he will soon be better. Mrs Goodale & her little girl are here. Will. is at home - No more stable than heretofore.

Write us all about your associates - your opportunities for improvement - and all you can which you know will be interesting to us.

Much love from your father - also from Uncle, Aunts & cousins. Alfred & Lucy will send a letter. Aunt Lucy you will write to on the same sheet & Martha too. send love to Albert: Alfred & Lucy are taking lessons on the pianos.

Your ever affectionate

Mother A. B. P.

East Douglas Mass Paid 5

May 17

Miss Antoinette B. Putnam
Member of the class of teachers for the West.
Albany N. Y.

Care of Miss Catherine E. Beecher

Dunbarton June 2 1847

My very Dear Lettie

Today your dear father and brothers have gone to Concord, will stay all night, and I hope will have a good Election. I have been housecleaning, washing and busy a little of many things till it is past twelve o'clock. Now there are many things lying about me, waiting to be mended; but before I commence work with the needle, I feel as tho. I must devote a few moments to you.

We went everywhere where we expected to go, on our journey; had very delightful visits. Evans I think can live but a short time seems tender on the subject of religion, but has no hope that he is prepared for heaven. Said he thought he should be willing to die, if he was prepared. O may he see his sinfulness, and see the Saviour with an eye of faith. Henrietta is engaged to a Mr. Tom Goodwin, some younger than herself (she is 26) merchant. We attended Ellen's wedding, & saw her bid adieu to the parental home, leave the scenes of her childhood & youth, and go to be a part of the social head of another family. This wedding was just one week from the evening you arrived in Albany. No Brigham cousins were present, except Henrietta, no Uncles & Aunts except your father & J. & Uncle Jay & wife. Married at eight o'clock. No. present about 30. One kind of cake & cold water taken standing. Several wished Antoinette was there. And tho it would have been very pleasant to us we believed she was in a still better place, even where the Lord had placed her. Many enquiries were made about the object of your enterprise. Some knew nothing of it, others were deeply interested in it, particularly Mrs. Ide, of Medway. She said I must write her & let her know where you are located. At Douglas we found William & family, & Mrs Goodell all at their fathers. Mr G has a sweet little girl, but I fear they will not train her aright. W— is doing next to nothing—he might be useful—but seems unsettled in every thing. All your Uncle David's children were at home when we arrived there. David Sewell, with a beautiful wife & child left there in about 20 minutes. E & Lucy were well. L thinks she shall not like to keep school. They had neither any engagement for the summer. All well at Uncle Paine's. C goes to sch. took tea with Hannah French. Mr. F appeared well & pleasant too. Spent the last Sabbath at Newton. 'Tis a very romantic place in. Saturday Deer and pleasant. Mrs Quincy boards at her father's, with a fine looking baby. Sarah & Harriet were both feeble, are nothing

Do. We shall have several letters to write to inform friends where we are. Mrs Ide of Medway was deeply interested. Can we send anything from here to Remember to keep up that cold spring head light. It is very important to have us heal. Your father has gone to Concord. It is the great election. They are said to be very close. I presume what you could say before you could write. Your dear grandmother said to me that she is very great affliction is a trial. Martha does not write. Your very affec friends. Father.

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there that either of them can do to ourselves. I pity them, that they have never learned any thing but to fold papers. They are both lovely, interesting & intelligent girls & more-are soon. We left there Monday Noon. As we passed by Mount Auburn, we made a call there. It is romantic - beautiful - splendid. Many the world have called great & rich are there. But let us choose a pleasant - a splendid - a glorious home for the soul. and let the body drop, when & where our heavenly father please - if we may be worthy the inscription "Here lies one who labored for Christ, all will be well. As we rode from Chelsea to Salem, the wide-spread marshes of low land, I thought might resemble the western prairies. Mrs Colby & husband did every thing to make our visit pleasant. Your father had eight old teeth & stumps out. He inhaled ether, but not so as to be unconscious. The pain, however, was mitigated by it. Mrs Colby enclosed in a letter to me at Westboro a little neck mantle for you. When I have an opportunity I will send it. Having experienced much of the goodness of God, it was pleasant to set our faces toward home, where we expected to be only twain one. But not so; Henry being somewhat unwell left at — to spend a little time at home, and arrived in D— the evening before we did. He had had a bad cough for several weeks, & was poor & weak. He is now entirely well of the cough, & better in other respects. He will remain at home probably a week or two. He brought washing & mending & so I am not out of work yet. But I am very happy in ministering to his necessities. George has not cried on leaving home this season. He and H. are both in rough uncultivated society. O that they may be "kept from the evil" and made to love that which is good. Caroline Putnam is coming to spend five or six weeks here while her mother visits Mass. so we shall have three or four in a family awhile.

Now, many thanks to you for your long-good letter, and many thanks, to Our Great Preserver & gracious Benefactor for pouring upon you, & spreading around you materials to make it so good and interesting. Whether you are now in A— in the Stage Coach - or on the waters of the great western Lakes. I cannot see, but He who rules the winds & waters can. Trust in Him, my dear daughter, "trust in him at all times and do good; and verily you shall be fed" Yes, fed with meat that the world knows not of. Tell us what use you make of the Melodeon. Who do you love best of the teachers. Why love to them if you are not entirely seperated. When I pray for you. I do not forget them. Did you have all the clothing you wanted at A—? When you get stationed. say what you will have done with your cloak. Is there any particular arrangement made by which things can be sent to teachers? Dr. Colby says, you must be very careful not to eat too much meat. Tho. they have, and eat a great deal of meat

in all parts of the west. I suppose it will not be difficult for you to get bread wheat or indian, & beware to avoid a costive habit. Be not be unmindful of health, watch it and keep it right if possible.

June 3. One month since you & I left home. I have safely returned - Does may A be with you at the appointed time. I look to the west, and say "within myself - Good morning Antoinette. And can almost hear your smiling reply - Yes, your back may be toward, me and you passing farther & farther off from this your darling. Last night I slept entirely alone - slept well - much refreshed by it. O hard fate - we may feel in almost any circumstances, when we can commit ourselves, balovers friends - & all to God.

June 7th Dear Letter, We have been cheered by a 3d letter from you bearing the same date of the commencement of this. so we see we may not only be thinking of eachother, but smiling to eachother at the same moment. I congratulate you in the great privilege of your society the past month. O that sweet parting interviews at Pitts. - ! We sung Uncle Nathan Harrington's at the before we left, we sung that Hymn, "Blest be the tie", in the circle, Christians have so often been carried near to heaven. The moon never shed milder and more consoling rays than during the past month. & when she was hid behind a cloud at eight, I could think of Ch & her associates. There is too a beautiful star, to be seen here at eight; Do you see that same star still west of you? We have mailed a letter since your last was received, it may reach Albany today. But we have scarcely a ray of expectation, that it will overtake you in Sandusky - you may even now be hundreds of miles from that city. Thus far, all has been delightful? But now my dear girl, I expect you will have more to try you. It will be painful to separate from those dear friends - but you will cling closer to the throne of God. O may you have faith in God & be kept calm. Have you for one moment since you left us felt that you were in a wrong place? I hope you will find all my questions & be sure to answer them. I cannot spare room for paragraphs. Henry left Tuesday recovering. Our kitty was not seen here after your father left - George has brought a little white one today. Caroline is here. Mr. Abbat & Miss J. Mills came here with Mr. Par. & wife, & Mr. Perley & wife, last Tuesday eve. & were married. Left 5 dollars. There house is white outside it will be a beautiful place; they are painting inside. Elliot has hired your father's farm. Dr. John Colby is going soon to Ill. to be married. Were every one of you able to go & view the wonderful works of God on Monday? It is nearly eight. It will be a lit tle later with you. No moon to be seen now. But we will look at the Great White Throne above the moon. Saturday eve. Good night.

Monday 14. 3 o'clock. Washing done. Where is my dear daughter today? I know not whether to look South, North or West of Sandusky. "The heart's a rover ever" and thus on wave & wild

Did you get through all your washing done at Albany?
Did you get through all your necessary washing at Albany?
What did you wear on the cars?
How did you like your dress?
Had you any company?

"The maiden with her" loved ones" walks;" "The mother with her child."
. o I seem to be traveling on with you. But I hope in reality you have much better company. Mr Lane & Burton spent Sabbath, & part here, they both prayed earnestly for you. The many good prayers who are offered for you & your teacher companions, makes us feel the need of more prayer for teachers here.
Last Sabbath a week ago a few moments past 2. When looking at the light wh. God made to rule the night I thought — Are the eyes of my dear A. fixed on that very spot, is she gazing from Fowler or Worcester, & thinking of father — and me — home &c &c. away. H — very well a few days since — gone at meeting today. Mr Burnham preached. Mrs Smart (Mrs Prescott) has buried her brother Albert.

Every Mail, we are hoping to see another letter from you. One that will tell us where this may find you. Some I will bear date, "Long-Long ago" before you will see it. But you will grasp it as we do yours — as hungry men do food.
Monday Mr Burke, who married Miss Pelsbury, died a short time since. Mrs B continues, in the same place, teaching. So we see, death is continually making incursions among our acquaintances, and removing those he is commissioned to remove from time to eternity. May we stand watching. I often think of that parting scene before you went on board the Canal boat. How do such interviews compare with common parties of pleasure, in your view?

June 30th Made exceeding glad by the 4th letter from you, my dear A. We feel that God has indeed been very gracious to you in your journey, in your location & in all things. You did not say any thing in particular about health, remember that in all your letters, tho. we infered it must be pretty good.

Do you have headache? How are your eyes? Who are located nearest you? And how far from you? Where is Mrs Wyman? Is there any minister in Hadley? If not I should advise you to keep a Sabbath school, as I did when at Machias. I think it an excellent plan to have scholars & have slates & draw the different states &c &c

Beware, my dear A. to wash all over as frequently as three times a week, if not daily. Take your hands & a great bowl of water, if you have no better conveniences, & throw it over you & rub well before going to bed, I think is as good a time as any. Again I say guard against costiveness. eat relaxing food, or take something if necessary.

Eliza H. Ireland came home sick about the time we returned home. She has been very sick and is not expected to live but a short time. She is in a very distressing state of mind. Thinks she will not live, but is very pettish & unwilling to see your father or me, even to have me watch with her. She is called deranged or out. Yet appears to know very well what she wishes for & your father has been taken in to

Dunbarton June 7 1848.

Dear Sister Antoinette,

As I have a little time this afternoon, that I might devote to writing, I thought I would improve it.

About three weeks ago I was taken sick, I went to Mr. Tuttles, and staid there three days, and then came home, and in about three hours after I left A. Father and Mother arrived there & they staid there to dinner, and then came towards home. I staid at Mr. G. Bailey till they came home.

I have been at home two weeks Wednesday I shall go back tomorrow. I have got a card to send you if it will not make this letter to heavy, and if it does not come in this letter, it will in some other.

George is in good health, and enjoys himself well.

Yours affectionately,

H. M. Putnam

Dunbarton June 30. 48.

Dear Nettie

Bless the Lord, O our souls, & forget not all his benefits, who forgiveth all thy iniquities, who healeth all thy diseases, who redeemeth thy life from destruction, who crowneth thee with loving kindness & tender mercies, who satisfieth thy mouth with good things, so that thy youth is renewed like the eagles. Father, We are here with a reading to thank it will be a reality one, so that it will

be far more pleasant to you to enjoy New England
society especially, if you have not yet had an opportunity
deal with the heterogeneous mass, made up of all nations
& kindreds & tongues. We think you will [illegible] in your
the right place to begin. On the whole, think it
well that you are to be alone, & have the entire care of
a School. A large responsibility will do you good.
We hope you will make it a great point to govern
ourselves. A great deal may be done by keeping
accounts of time & behaviour, & noting the scholars
govern themselves, & noting their decisions in their own
note in case of a hallooing rule & discipline. In
all cases, be determined to have your own. This is the
way of a School. Be particular in your exercises.
Let one thing follow another like clock-work. Let nothing
go on at loose ends. If you have any system make
& punctuality; we have no doubt you will govern
well, because we know that your scholars always love
you, & they will try to please you, of course.
We were exceedingly interested in your account
of leaving the Canal-boat & spending the Sabbath
at Palmyra, N.Y. We are so glad that none of the
number who left that place did not have blamed
you in the least, had you remained in the boat,
or even been placed there without the means of pro-
ceeding on in any other way. But the Lord wonderfully provided for you & your companions, for
which we will bless his name.
I can conjecture a little how you felt when
you first beheld the great falls, as you came be-
hind them myself. — I wish now to ask a few
questions, for which you know I am rather fa-
mous.
1. Did Miss Beecher return to you Miss Foster's Testimonial? 2. Have any of your other testimonials, either by Miss Beecher, or any other person?
Have they any of them, grown to the common size of those
on which you wrote to Miss Beecher? 3. Your
age & qualifications &c. Did you repay the money which
you borrowed at Palmyra, N.Y. or carry the Canal boat?
If not, how did you procure it? 4. Would you like to have
me send you some more money by mail? I hope you

your expenses at your Niagara excursion?
You will, of course, write all about your school
in your next — how many scholars there are, they study,
will be your probable compensation, what kind of
a school house, & boarding place you have, how
you find the society, what are your religious
principles, &c. Also, are there many in-
habitants in the town, what denomination
of christians, what kind of business the
inhabitants are employed in, &c. &c.
You spoke in your last of having one hundred gold
pieces left. You did not pass those gold pieces
in less than two weeks after, did you? That
was their value. Write some more particu-
lars of your route from Buffalo to Chicago, the
time it takes to go, the expenses. How much do you
use your Melodeon now (since you have arrived at your home
in Racine) & how much does your voice improve in singing? I want
it so I may hear you use your Melodeon & your
voice accompanying it, daily, in your School. Did
you use your instrument any before you arr-
ived at Hartley — how much?
I will close by saying — I be glad to hear from you, and en-
deavor to make it your next object to please
me, & promote the highest & best interests of
your fellow beings.

Very affectionately,
Your father,
John M. Putnam.

P.S. We want you to write immediately on receiving
this, & continue to write very often. J. M. P.

Paid.

PAID 10

Miss Antoinette B. Putnam,
Hawley, (Post-Office
Lockport, Will Co.)
Illinois.

George coming home every Sabbath, & always. Have you heard from Ol? He is very well and contented, & Mr. B. says, he is a good boy. Should he & Ell be at home next winter & may life be spared shall do all I can for their improvement

Tell us to write you were to be Uncle father & Mr.

Mr. Ellis was here last Sabbath. He went to Mr. Adams meeting

Very dear daughter —

Your precious letter arrived yesterday. The very sight of it, awakened high emotions of pleasure. We were very desirous to know what sort of a field you occupied, & how you were subserving the interests of your fellow men. It is well, we think, tho' you have not been compelled to commence yr. labors upon a large scale. Your labors are sufficiently responsible for one of yr. age, and yr. compensation is fair to begin with, but should be increased, tho' you have much increase in the number of yr. scholars, or tho' they attend to higher branches of study, such as are taught at select schools in New Eng. But it is well to begin just where you are, with a School not great in number, nor attending to a great variety of sciences. You have enough, in yr. present circumstances, including yr. labors with yr. Bible Class on the Sabbath, to tax all yr. powers, & bring in to requisition all yr. energies. We bless God that he has given you, at such an early age, in a condition in wh. you can do so much good. We would not, on any account, have had you decline taking the Bible class. It will be a great benefit, to both yr. mind & heart, to have this class to instruct. We think it a very pleasant circumstance, tho' you have so good, able & experienced a teacher so near you, in, Miss Book. I should think she might be an excellent counsellor for you in matters pertaining to your school, & tho' you will do well to cultivate a familiar acquaintance with her as readily as possible. In regard to yr. boarding around with yr. scholars, it will of course, be, in some respects, quite inconvenient. But it promises, it will be of immense advantage to you in getting acquainted with, and acquiring influence over, the people. It is just the thing for the present. But in the winter, you may find it best to settle, & have one boarding place. Or, if you find, by & by, tho' present manner of boarding, interferes too much with yr. own mental improvement, by depriving you of opportunities to study, you better ask for one regular boarding place; or, if you had more than one not to change so often, but continue at one place, perhaps 2 or 3 months. You must have regard to yr. own improvement, as well as tho' of yr. scholars, in order tho' you may be qualified for a higher sphere of usefulness when called. The exercise to wh. you are subjected, by boarding around with the people, will be beneficial, if it is not too fatiguing. Of this, you must judge. Such a manner of boarding, with

have gain the best possible advantage with to get acquainted with the people, & secure their affection and interest in your behalf.

You speak of finding it difficult to govern your school. I hope you will consider, that however difficult it may be, it is a thing that must be done. But you should contain every way in your power to govern without using harsh means. Avoid as much as possible, corporeal punishment, tho' I would not refuse to resort to it, if really necessary. Talk to your scholars on the great advantages of good order, & get them to agree to govern themselves. Set example, shew them the disadvantages of whispering & talking in regular school time, & get them to raise their hands in favor of having none of it. Then ask them, if they would not like to have time to keep a recess & smart pastimes as well as study? Of course they will say, yes. Then keep an exact record, & make quite a show about it, as if it were a matter of immense importance, like matters of life & death. So also of other regulations. Talk as a principle with them, & get them to establish it, & make it a kind of execution of their own code of laws. This will be much better than for you to lay down arbitrary rules, which they may not see the necessity of, & then execute them in an arbitrary manner, in your own name. Do every thing you can, by the power of love, to secure their affections, so as to make them willing to do right for you. The small scholars will, of course, need some degree of stimulus, & probably punishments, more or less, but other punishments, rather than corporeal, should be made to answer, when they can be. Still corporeal must be used if necessary. But order must be had, & school carried on without it.

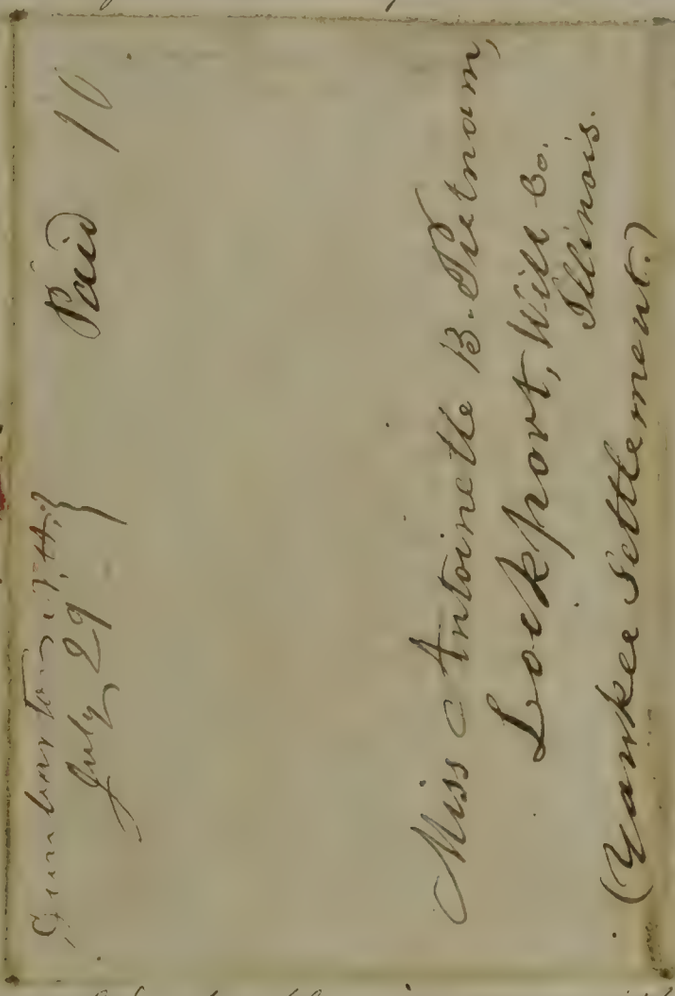
For the purpose of promoting good order in study time, I would recommend many more seasons of relaxation, or recess, than is generally customary, especially for the younger scholars. I think they should have several, every half day, perhaps three, four or five minutes each; but be trained to come in & take their seats, the very moment the bell is rung for them. For the older scholars, one recess may be sufficient to go out; but they should have as many as three should recess in the house, of about one or two minutes, during which they should be allowed to leave their seats & make communications to each other, but no whispering should be tolerated at any other time. By having more recesses, I think you may prevent the need of the less number longer. It will be well to keep a particular record of their recitations, & make quite a display of them & make the scholars think they are of the most importance, as they really are in promoting the best interests of a school. But you should understand that the minutes you keep, both of their recitations & their conduct, are to be shown to parents & visitors. By the way, you should get parents, committees, & all others to visit your school often as possible. This will have a great effect, in exciting the ambition of the scholars, & promoting their improvement.

Yours affect.

John H. Putnam.

My very Dear Lottie, Our hearts are filled with gratitude & praise to our gracious Heavenly Father for all his kindness to you, & we daily pray that the best of his blessings may ever rest on you. When we separate from our friends little do we know who death will lay his cold hand on first. When you left here perhaps some who have gone no more to return, we'd have been the last you wd have thought of. C. H. Sr land is one of that number. She is no more in this world! There was a change in her feeling, but whether she was born of the Spirit of God, we had but a shadow of evidence. For some days before she died she was desirous of seeing your father & he visited her every day. She did not object to any watching with her the two last weeks. I watched with her twice. She was not unkind in language or actions, and the last time, she desired me to pray with her. Said she had been a great sinner. so great that it seemed as tho. she could not be saved. If there time she said, she hoped she had given herself to the saviour. at another, she wd try to do it. But we could not tell when she had reason, & when not. Much of the time she spoke in an unkind tone and manner. God only knows the heart & that He is a righteous Judge & can do nothing wrong, is the one great source of consolation to her christian friends. M. A seemed inconsolable for some days; wept aloud during the funeral service & at the grave. It was the most solemn & affecting funeral I ever attended. Your dear Abby & Eliza Burnham have been unexpectedly & severely afflicted. Their mother, too, has gone to the eternal world! She was sick less than a week & not considered dangerous, but a day or two. Her remains were brought here on the 10th July. the morning of wh. she died, & the funeral attended on Sabbath morning. E. had been sick for some weeks, & was scarcely able to be about, tho. she attended the funeral. They hardly dared to start with her for Pembroke, but said she felt best riding. They have heard she is slowly recovering. She will not probably be able to teach or study much this summer, and A. will keep house for her father at present. They have thought of returning here at the end of the year but are not quite decided, I believe. Perhaps you had better write to them, or to A. and entreat them to listen to this providence & prepare for their own great change. I conversed a little with A. she appeared calm & well. I have some hope that she is a christian, tho. I did not talk with her as tho. I had. Mr Noah, grandfather has gone to his rest. A. came here & read your letters. it was well & good as ever. William Burnham's wife was taken sick while we were in Otsego. & has not been able to do anything since. Convalescent. Mrs Wm. Stinson is —— does not come to meeting. I fear you need some more shoes & thicker ones. Mr Caleb Mills is expected here I believe next month. I shall if possible talk with him about sending a box to you, and if we think of any safe way, we shall send one. In connection in your next what you want most for your own use, or to use in doing good. And say to what place it had better be directed & to the care of whom. Do all you can for the little Catholic girls. Give my love to them & all your scholars if you please, tell them I love them & hope to hear that they are very obedient children and are learning very fast. Indeed I have already heard a little good from them, which makes me very glad. Perhaps I shall sometime be able to send them some little books. Should you be glad of some of those little questions books we used here in

the small losses? Yesterday Mrs. Farrin & her sister Baldwin who resided in southern Ill. some years & left there about one year since took tea with us. We had a good deal of talk about Ill. She said she used to go out doors to change her clothes sometimes so she could find some spot more secluded than in doors. But she said the kindness & hospitality & good living made up for the want of conveniences. I went to Concord last Monday & saw Dr. Morrell's daughter Mrs. Hoar who has lived in west Ill. for some 12 or 14 years, wife of Rev. Mr Hoar living in Mc Donough County. She thought you wd need your cloak tho. she said you could purchase at Chicago, perhaps it is not at so great a sacrifice. She was not sure of returning that way, or she would make an effort to take the cloak. I shd think you wd want that old c... to wear to ch. Mrs. Hoar when she returned for ch Ill. 7 years ago, she went to Hadley & to Yankee Settlement to see a woman who was before marriage a Hazelton fr. Epsom. I cannot now think of the name of her husband.



Yesterday we had double joy, for with your letter came one from your dear br. Ill. He was well, slept in an attic with 2 boys & 2 Irishmen. He wishes me to inform you how he spent Bride pendence. On the 5th He rose early & worked at hoeing &c for Mr. Tuttle, till about 9 o'clock. Mr. T. treated him with lemonade & paid him 50 cents, & then went with him to the new City, Lawrence, & returned & retired by 9 o'clock. This was much better than to have spent some dollars in vain & sinful pleasures. But I long to have his mind more elevated & his heart renewed. Let us pray much for it.

Are you cosy? Have you seen Gov. S— yet? Had there ever been a Melodeon in that place before yours? Have you any fruit?

Your loving Mother

Mr. I. Burnham is to be received into our Church at our next Communion—Wh. is 1st Sabbath of Nov. next. Mrs. B. of Pem. broke her wrist by falling & she could not go out to attend Church. She had requested to be received into our Church at our next Communion—Wh. is 1st Sabbath of Nov. next. Mrs. B. of Pem. broke her wrist by falling & she could not go out to attend Church. She had requested to be received into our Church at our next Communion—Wh. is 1st Sabbath of Nov. next.

Friday Aug 20 – 1847

My very dear Lettie, Today 29 years we were made one. Many are the changes we have seen in that time. Some have been taken from us by death, & others have been added to our number. But are we not all spared to meet around the throne of God? If so, let us be thankful for the mercies we enjoy & for the trials we have been called to endure. Let us not be discouraged by the trials we have to meet, but look to Him who has promised to be with us in all our troubles, & to bring us off more than conquerors. Let us be faithful to the end, & we shall receive a crown of life. Your father and mother & bro.

Care yet about us for as we know. But death does not stop. its march; it keeps on, taking one and another, & whom we dearly love, & whom, it seems, to our contracted view, the world greatly needs. As I said in my last, little do we know on whom death will lay his cold hand; so I may say again. And when I was writing to you of the loss your dear Abby & Elizabeth has sustained how far from my heart was the thought that ere I wrote you again, the rosy cheeked—healthy-looking Abby would be laid by her mothers side. O how can I tell you that this is a reality! I have prayed that God would enable you to receive it calmly—& that he wd sanctify it to you for your everlasting good. Elizth had been unwell—& all the care and most of the labor came upon Abby. She was considered well until Tuesday noon last, and Wednesday night she was in the icy arms of death. guest before, about 15 minutes she breathed her last, she said to her father—Father, this is death! They had not thought of it. But it was. Her father asked her one or two questions, but she was unable to say anything more than in reply to, Can you put your trust in Jesus? She said, I will try. She bore her mother's death with great calmness and it would seem if she had preserved it with christian submission. Her remains were brought here & buried Thursday the 19th 9 Oclock Saturday eve. The moon shines brightly & quietly on the grave of our dear Abby, which I visited between sunset & dark. While there I thought of the Hymn Life is the time &c. Her mother lies on one side and she on the other, of three children, Fanny, Charles & Louise, who died all since we came here. Dear Mrs. Barnham was much overcome, but very calm. E— was almost deranged for sometime, they were afraid she wd be quite so; but she has become in a measure quiet—but she is feeble, & Ann is not well. They will probably return to Dr soon. William's wife has been sick all summer. For a time while I was in Mass. Mr. Burnham has no one to depend on. I know not what he will do.

Write me with all particulars about health, yours

If there is an annual sickly season when you are, Dr. Mills of Owensboro'ville, who has been used to the Ague, say I dare I should have a long visitation of your sickness during that season. How is it?

I wish you to remember to hold your head up & keep your shoulders back, for it is said it is better to lie on your back with out pillows - or because to lie with out crooking up.

Does the congestive fever prevail there, & chills & fevers - are they much subject to them?

God bless you my dear & with health contentment, & every grace & every good. Bless your self, your class - the people there.

Good morning, my dear & God all join in love

Mother

Miss Christie B. Allen,
Lockport, Ky. co. Illinois.
Kentucky

Paid

Boone Co. Ky.
Old mans

Lunaton, August 30, 1846.

My dear Nellie -

Your precious letter arrived Saturday, August 28, just 10 days after it was mailed. How grateful ought we to be that we can talk together, tho' so far distant, that the luminary of day does not shed its beams on you, till it has been shining over one hour & eight minutes! I am sure it does seem a long letter, as in prose this precious privilege of talking together, over mountains & lakes & valleys, often seems to me. I told you in my last, to write regularly once a month. But I do not like to wait so long. Besides, your letters when they come, are so overflowing, & words are spilt all about over the sheet so, that it is difficult to pick them up. It will be better to make one into two, & to mail a sheet once a fortnight. Then we shall hear from you twice as often, & read your letters, with our old eyes, twice as easy. Please, then, hereafter to write once in two weeks, and if we have any thing in particular to write we will write you as often, - tho' you must remember we have two children to write to, who are widely separated, while you parents are together & one letter does for both.

(You need not be so long particular to write every 2 weeks, unless you have something particular to write.)

When I go to Concord again, I will enquire at the Express Office whether we can forward a bundle to you at Chicago. If we can we will endeavor to supply your wants, which we shall do most cheerfully. We want you to be very well - don't get your nerves tired, often. Live & cook & sit the table in the middle of the room. You ma. thinks you had better make what you have do sometimes, not to get tired. Good things to bring home

Do write me what you think.

Your dear Nellie

frank in letting you write the known. You need not be afraid of making trouble, expense.

We want you, dear A. to take every special care of your health, & try, in every way in your power, to promote a vigorous constitution. Do not keep school at any time, when you are not able; stop short, & have a vacation; or, if necessary, give it up entirely. Do not, on any account, break down your health. That will destroy your usefulness, perhaps for life. I do not think your present ill health can be owing to your situation, as to climate, or manner of living; because it began before climate or manner of living there, could have time to take effect. You might be just as unwell, if at home, & probably would be. But whether at home or abroad, strive to preserve & promote health, all in your power. Do not study, or read, or teach, either on the Sabbath, or on the week - any, more than you are able. If necessary, stay at home on the Sabbath, a portion of the time, & keep up your Bible Class. (should you find boarding [illegible] place too hard, go every Sat. & Mon. one or two hopeful pupils, & those near your school)

You need not feel earnest to earn much. Set money-making be all out of the question. Attend to your health, & body, & mind, & heart, & use what health you have, & no more in endeavors to be useful. Should like to know you can ride horse-back, when you are able, all you can. (Also, play on your instrument) It is excellent exercise for any one

Tell us, in your next, how you are now succeeding in governing your school - how they get along - what is said about it; if any thing of your knowledge, &c. &c. Tell us also, who Capt.

All any: I shall send you a paper, soon. I have a particular object in view, in sending it. Do you take any paper? If not, I will send you one, if you will tell me what you would like. Do you get the Albany Cultivator? If not, I will send you one, if you will tell me what you would like. Do you get the Albany Cultivator? If not, I will send you one, if you will tell me what you would like.

John Williams is, & what acquaintance you have with him.

I was at the Misses Stark house today. They inquired with great interest after you, & invited me to come, & bring your mother there, & partake of their good plumbs, as soon as ripe, which will be in about two weeks. We intend to go. They appear as affectionate & kind, as you can conceive. Harriet has been to Cleveland, Ohio, this summer. She told me she had been to Niagara Falls nine times. By the way, your improvement in Niagara, is in leaving out the a which precedes the final syllable, - thus, Niagra. It was so spelt in your last. But I must stop, & leave space for your mother.

Very affectionately, Your father,

John M. Pedersen.

We brought the bibles. They look very pretty outside, but miserably bound, & some of them imperfect in binding some left out. I suppose you do not wish yours sent, do you to Jr. settlement? You must write as soon as you receive this, and mention everything you think best to have sent, books, paper, music & clothing. Should you wish to have your winter bonnet or should you like a similar one plainer? If we should send a box I suppose I might put a bonnet in. We not think you will need another quilt, or that it will be best to send one from here; If you wear them out, so that they will do no longer - perhaps you will have a worn out dress to quilt over it. Or wear your flannels and cotton ones over. Should you wish for any other dress, something warmer for winter or a good black, or more flannel. I should think flannel next you will be good to prevent chills. Mrs. Kellog from Ak Boston was here this week - she had lived in W. York - she said in answer to the question, can anything be done to prevent chills - Nothing so good as using cold water, in & externally. Whenever you are so situated that you can wash all over by taking a tub into your room, do it; when you have no room, rub as much as you can in bed, or do the best you can. Mrs. K. said, the best time to do it was 9 or 10 forenoon & middle P.M. not have the water too cold, exercise after it. It were possible for you to attend to it before you go to sch. I suppose it will be well.

Dear Mother, I received your letter of the 2nd inst. & was glad to hear from you. I am very sorry that you have been sick, & hope you will be better before you receive this. I am very particular about your health & would not have you neglect anything that would be for your benefit. I am very glad that you have a girl to help you, & hope you will keep her as long as you want her. I shall send you some of my money next week, & will send more as you want it. I will write you a letter next week. I am very busy now, as I have to study my lessons for the week, & write compositions, & declamations, & I have to write a composition every week. I am very glad that you have a girl to help you, & hope you will keep her as long as you want her. I shall send you some of my money next week, & will send more as you want it. I will write you a letter next week. I am very busy now, as I have to study my lessons for the week, & write compositions, & declamations, & I have to write a composition every week.

They do speak of Grandma at the Friday meetings - probably will next Friday. Mrs Jameson led in prayer at our last. She appears like a new woman since D's death. Sarah J - is at Goffstown sick - is about through - A & S Wingate too. H - Hemenway at home all summer. F & E Storrs at home, send love to you. The Dr has been very sick indeed - now so as to sit up part of the day - gaining. Oldest Mrs Page dead. Mr C Mills & Mrs Crawford have been here from Jr. He promised your father he would write to you on his return - He said had he a horse & carriage he would go and get you to spend a vacation with them - about 100 miles - Your father has thought of making arrangements with some publisher of a paper, to send a N. England or a N York paper to you. How many professors of religion in that new family from N. H. Is the name Twinsbury? What denomination? Of what denomination are Mrs Goodenough & Savage? Is that sister, who wished to study Latin expecting to teach any where? Is she a professor? You must not think of studying Latin or French till you are better - You can stay in your sch. house after sch. & be alone & rest you can you not. I used to stay in mine at Hopkinton & read &c. If they say any thing to you on baptism, your father thinks you had better be pretty silent, giving them to understand that you do not wish to enter into any discussion on the subject. That your mind is fully made up & that your wish is to do all the good you can to all denominations. If you say nothing, they will be likely to cease from troubling you on this subject. Should any one start an objection to Congregationalism which you cannot explain (if you would) just write it & your father & you shall receive an explanation. How do you have the Melodeon conveyed from place to place, without the box? Do you like the preaching as well as at first? Does Mr. H - change? I hope in your next you will be able to say you have seen some convert or Pres. What is there about St. Clair that is not right? Give my respects, when you see him, if you think best - Send the length of your foot with a thick stocking on. mentioning the inches, or fractions of an inch, or make a couple of marks shewing the right length between them; or tuck in a measure. Mention whether you wish for calf skin & what material you will have them made & how. You will like the old green cloak & your new. Have you knit your thread? Do not play & sing when you are too tired. Last week Tues. Elizbeth Wilson & Allen Chamberlain were united in marriage. Capt Stimson & wife & the cousins & uncles & aunts about them were there - had cold water Apple puffs & 3 or 4 kinds of cake - for supper. going to live in the family there. They have a new parlor & bedroom. Mr. D. L. Moore & son of the Gov. is here keeping a select school - has 25 boarders here. and Mary Gould boards here & goes to sch. assists me a little if I wish. pretty girl. We have been alone but few days. Have made between 15 & 20 visits - but boarders & sch. keep me more at home. Give my love to Miss Cook & Miss Robins, I think of them & pray for them & with you - You are very particularly remembered Fridays especially by Mrs Ireland. Mary D got on well. was well & happy when the last wrote - not heard a letter since E. J's death -

Did you cross any thing on the way? How many scholars have you now? How much advanced are they? Does your class recite to you? Are you good? (And to Mr. Ogden)

2 PM We have visited Mr. Olivers Bailey's. Bo Mr. & Mr. Hay have a little daughter. They are very pleasant and only need their parents. Their house is very pleasantly situated. Mrs. Oliver is coming home, Sarah came out of a portion of the time. Mrs. Bailey will be taken him to run and get some water. We shall get you in the Devil much love to you. Have not seen him often. Sarah will be unusually all black with a family. I do not know as I shall be able to travel any thing for a cake. We shall get you

By night & by day I am

of you, & praying God to give you health & strength, & every grace, to fit you for & make you useful. Whenever we have received a letter from you - we have had abundance of cause for gratitude. If it can consist with the will of God, may it ever be so. It must be so if we realize that crosses & trials are "blessings in disguise" from Him who perfectly knows what is best. This day it may be, you will ascertain that dear Abby is in the world of spirits. I think you told me she attend the female prayer meeting at Gilmanton. O had she have taken a decided stand for Christ, what comfort it would now afford her mourning friends. O how lovely does her death call on us to be saying & doing & feeling just what we would wish to be on our dying day. We see too in her death the necessity of praying that we may be prepared for whatever is before us - for it is often entirely different from anything we have expected. O let our hearts be fixed on heaven as our home, then the changes we meet on the way, will only help us forward to that blissful region, where all is LOVE.

Yesterday we took tea with Mrs. Caldwell & Mill's. The same kind friends as ever. Mrs. M. is going to make your father a shirt bosom. She put about a dozen sweet apples in the box of the waggon. (There are very few apples here this season) She said she hoped she should be able to get a little token in the box we sent now & she wished she could get something from Marian. She has nine who (more to keep sch. 12th This Day is the Sabbath - Our communion. I have just been reading Mark 14 from the 22 verse to the 46 - Oh what agony & distress did our blessed Saviour endure, that we might have peace and everlasting joy! "My soul is exceeding sorrowful unto death." Oh human heart can realize what grief is expressed in these words. It seems to me my own heart was never so moved by them before. O! may it be moved to obey what he has no less than three times commanded in the closing part of the previous chap. To Watch. Your father in our morning devotions remembered you with more than usual particularity; especially in reference to your Sabbath sch. duties. Have you been able to be there every Sabbath? Monday 13th Extremely rainy. Wonder if it is so in Yankee settlement; if so, it will need an old cloak. Sabbath was a wet day some raining; but, we had a full church, & Mr. B. was received to our communion. Tuesday 14th A delightful morn! If I had a telescope by which I could look in upon you, or a Telegraphic wire which would enter your sch. room, I should certainly use it. Saturday 18th Your dear father gone to Canterbury. Mr. Moody here. How do you do this evening. Perhaps you are about retiring

With me it is half past 10. I shall retire soon. When I have begged a few more blessings to descend on my dear absent children. Mr. M. prayed for you this eve. Oh. may you be blest & be a blessing.

Sabbath. 3 o'clock. Mr. Hall has given us a portion in season. I feel as tho. it must do good. The first text was "If any man draw back &c." In what it is to draw back. There are various degrees. disbelieving any one truth, or neglecting any one duty. disbelieving all & neglecting all, in a great degree. Oh I wish I could give you the whole. The 2d was from "If thy servant fear the Lord from my youth." The great importance of early piety - Motives to fear God - the stability it gave to the character. 2d The respect a consistant christian character secures from all. Wicked as the world was he said it will respect such a character. 3d The preparation it gave for death. O that it may be many to Christ. Sabbath eve 7 o'clock. Your dear father gone to Mr. Boston. Mr. Kellog here. Two more rich sermons, for which I must give account. Deeply impressed with my own deficiencies in the service of God; & more than ever sensible of his great goodness to me. O how I love his holy law. We hoped for a letter from Mr. Hall yesterday, but it did not come. It is all right. Mrs. Bradford & her youngest daughter from Mr Boston have within a few weeks gone to Detroit. Mrs. B has 3 sons there & 2 at Milwaukee. Probably Mrs. B & Ann will keep house for the 3 at Detroit. Mrs. W. Stimson has a little daughter. If we send a box I shall put in some bitter things, but I do not know as I can with safety put the Spirit to them. will if I think it will do. I shall try to get something for a cape to the green Cloak. You can if you please turn the cloak & plait it down gorg like, and button or tie it before, with or without a lining, so that you could wear it over or without another dress. It would be excellent to ride home back &c. and perhaps you will like sometimes to keep it on in the house. Mrs. Hall said the ladies at Nashua had something of the kind. some had only a skirt, a that was convenient to slip on & off. but if we send anything I shall send the green Cloak & you may remodle it as you please. I think too I shall send my Alpaca cape, as those large capes, with fringe, are now very much worn. and if you wish to make sleeves on the shoulder you can. I mean to send a pattern. I shall send a few peach stones. with you must plant somewhere this Fall. & I shall put in this letter a few seeds from our front yard. You had better make you a hood for the winter or quilted bonnet. With your letter yesterday, came a precious one from Mrs. Farley. Elizabeth, at their last communion, united with the Chh. and 3 other young ladies. The writes, Sarah is in a very hopeful state. She does not entertain a hope of herself, but seems a constant & humble seeker. said one day there was so much wickedness in her heart, she could not be a christian." Mrs. F. seems to imagine what your feelings are under the responsibilities of your bible class. She says, "At times I suppose she will almost see all her dear pupils renewed children, ready to enter the strait & narrow path; then again, she will discover so much hardness of heart, & love of sin, that all her hopes, for a time will vanish, & she will feel that her labor is in vain. Then she will be led to ask for divine aid. the influences of the good Spirit - without with we can do nothing." When I had read her letter & yours, I was almost overwhelmed with gratitude. I retired to the north bedroom to bless & praise & adore the goodness of God. I hope you will have the satisfaction of seeing some under your instructions brought to the love of the truth. I think I shall try to send the next Review for you to lend. & perhaps a book or two.

One little dollar from Mrs. C.
Letter to Mrs. Stimson
Letter to Mrs. Farley & Miss Brown
Letter to Mrs. Bradford
Letter to Mrs. Hall
Letter to Mrs. Boston
Letter to Mrs. Hall

Dumbarton, Sept. 29, 1847.

Dear dear Nettie —

Our hearts were made to swell with gratitude & joy, on receiving & reading your last. We were exceedingly gratified to learn that you had so pleasant, & that you enjoyed to so great an extent, the kindness & attention of the people among whom you reside.

You put a list of questions, several of which were asked in my last; but I gave no persuading ones. When you write, please always look over our letter, & be careful to answer all the questions.

How are you getting along in yr. School? Do they appear to be making good improvement? Do you succeed well in governing? Do you teach any higher branches than you did at first? What was yr. average no. of Scholars during the 3 months' term? Did you have any examination at the close? How did it go off? How do the people, so far as you can learn, appear to be pleased with the School? What is the exact manner of yr. conducting the School — the address exercises for each day? Do you limit yourself to six hours teaching in a day? I think it is very important you should. Are yr. Scholars punctual & kind? How have you succeeded as to compensation &c for yr. services? How much? Be careful to have yr. bank bills, when you receive them examined, & soon after you receive them (by some good judge of money), so as not to get counterfeit, or unfortunate money. How long was your vacation, & how did you spend it? How many days in a year do you expect to keep School in your present wages, & what kind of School, as to number & character, shall you have in the winter? N.B. You ought to have your wages increased in the winter. It is customary, in all this region, to give female teachers more in the winter. Will you suggest to your Committee, as Trustees, that this is what you expect? You should also, in the winter, have a regular Academy house, pretty near yr. School house. You ought to insist on this, unless you can be so situated as to have it equally easy & pleasant for you, & equally well for your health, by some other arrangement. Another thing: I think you ought not to keep but 5 days in a week, or any week, that have Saturday entirely to yourself, even if you have to make up your time by to make it equal to keeping on other days. This is my request, that I see indeed agree with the Committee has to keep but 5 days in a week. & then you will have a day to rest before the Sabbath. Do you do any washing? I should think it ought to be done for you. Do the fever & chills prevail in your new Settlement. Is there any season called the sickly season, with you? How what diseases prevail? You what reasons did you name best to John Williams, as the reason to direct a box to? How many professors of religion should you think there were in this

One little dollar from Mr. C. Letter Backwards & Forwards & Postage 62 cents. Elizabeth. The address of the two.

whale & Yankee Settlement, - & how many of each of the denominations you have mentioned? Is the Sabbath or baptismal class, or any, included in any?

In regard to forwarding a box for you to start by now, we are afraid it will not arrive before Mr. Paddock will have gone, as we expect per your letter that he probably would not be there more than 4 or 5 weeks for the time you wrote, & it was 20 days for the date of your letter before we received it, which will not leave us time to prepare & get a box forwarded in season. We are very sorry for this, as it would be an excellent chance, if we could be sure of it.

We learn Mr. Mrs Bradford, (Putnam Bradford, son of the late Rev. E. S. Bradford of New Boston,) now of Detroit, Michigan, will be at New Boston, in the course of next month, (October,) and that we can probably forward a box to Detroit by him, when he will start from the steam boat for Chicago, to the care of Capt. John Williams. It is important however, immediately on your receiving this, for you to write to Capt. Williams, informing him of your having directed a box to his care, & request him to pay the freight on the box for you, & hold us responsible, & freight he due, as it probably will be, & tell him to forward the same to you, - assuring him that you will repaid what he pays for you, and amply reward him for all his trouble. Ask this of him as a special favor, for which you will be very much obliged, besides making him all the compensation he desires. Be sure to pay your postage on the letter you write to him.

Please bear in mind, that Putnam Bradford & his mother, together with his brothers, Robert Dame, & Henry, are all living at Detroit & Merchants. And John & Joseph Bradford (both of these) are residing at Milwaukie, - also there is Putnam Bradford of Detroit & is the (see No. 2.)

Mrs. C. Henry Tom & children are going to Detroit this time.

Danbury Oct. 2. 1847

Mother is 56 today.

My ever Dear Nettie,

I have put into the box your delane, I had not altered it and worn it but once. I can do well without it, there is new enough to make a cape such as are very fashionable now. and enough to make new sleeves too if cut economically & perhaps piece some. I have also put in my Alpaca Cape & hat in hopes as they have them now, and I thought would make your black dress look better especially if you had to repair or mend the waist. The trimming of that old light delane corresponds well with the one in the box that I thought I wd send it, as it is good & fine. not so fashionable as fringe will I think look well on a cape. I put in a pattern. and you can cut by it larger or smaller, but this is full large for a common dress, but not quite large enough for a cloak. I have about half fitted one flannel & you can finish both. It is old, & will feel better to your flesh, & if you do not wear them out faster than I do, they will last you 2 or 3 years, to wear six months, in a year. I put in that Island shawl for it is so soft & good if you shd be sick, or to put over your shoulders going to sch. or in the house or round your feet, or any where about you where you want something soft & warm. I shall put in some bitter things, of wh you can make a tea or if you can get one of your good woman friends any way to get a little yeast — I shall send enough to put in to a pint. but you need not fix more than one fourth at once. Your father thinks it not best to put any of that grad stuff in the box. I wish you to put your feet in warm water with some saleratus. Say, a large tea spoon full to 2 or 4 quarts. If you can not get saleratus

2 Cloaks.
Delane Dress
Neck scarf & Gauze.
Pieces of delane 2 kinds.
Old Island shawl.
flannel waists, 2
Thread, red, green. brown & white.
Muff.
Shoes - 2 pair
Letter from Chehoah

coffee

just in some dishes. Do it once a week if need be or twice. It will help to bring things right, & keep your hair warm. Mrs J— Mills said she was never regular till, I think over 20. M. J Thurston never had been when at the Mills. I wrote in the other letter that you might cut & make over the green cloak just as you please. I talked with Mrs Mills about what wd be good to ride horseback in, I had some thought of getting a linen dress. they have been worn considerably Sarah A. Colby had a brown one with a cape trimmed with a little white braid set round straight. she said she had worn it for a nice dress most of the summer; but Mrs Mills & I thought some thing woolen wd be much better for you. it wd not need washing—nor much ironing. You can turn the cloak if you please & plaid it down, and if you have no cape like it, you can wear an old shawl to sch. & if you use it to ride horseback—you can wear my black cape over it. You can take the lining out & have it seperate so that you can wear one or both. have it fastened together before somehow. Make it do you as much good as you can. That light delane, if you think you shall not want it you may sell it if you can. or any thing else. and if you need another dress at anytime—send to Chicago or—nowhere you can, & buy it. And Mr. Prescott told your father yesterday at Concord—that you never ought to bring your Melodeon home—but sell it there for 25 dollars & buy another when you return. Your father thought this a good idea. Mr. P— said it ought to sell there for its original cost 25 but if you could not sell it for that—your father thinks you

had better sell it for considerably less than to bring it back. So anything that you can well dispense of there to make your baggage light - will be well. We do not want Willis's Poems because the book is so large & so little reading in it. And you will find a few Wall Sprigs to lend your children Saturdays - I should like to want more - Give my love to them - tell them I expect to hear they are very good & learn fast. One M. R. round your thread-H-of doz. peach stones - The peaches w/h were rounded them were delicious. Plant them somewhere this Fall. If you did be there as long as Miss Cook has - you might - eat the fruit of them. or if I go I may. We shall commit your box to the God of the winds & the waves - & if it goes as all our letters thus far have - you will have a time of rejoicing over it in a few weeks. And if we hear of its safe arrival we too shall rejoice & be glad! Can you not make a little quilted hood for the winter? I believe I set down the price of your silk bonnet but I can not tell now just what it was & have lost it if not it down - Please just put it down in your next. Poor forgetful mother) If your Box reaches you - your must get a blacksmith or carpenter to screw or unscrew the lid. Unless somebody

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Tell me a little more
Are we almost there?
I love my Cot - or
some thing like that
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Moral songs.
Common School
singing book -
a number of Sheets
of Reward of Merit &
Hymns & passages of
Scripture, which by
writing on the
back, you can use
for rewards - - -
Leighton's Italian
Poets - 3 Vol.
instead of Willis.

I've had a severe headache.
You will find a little breast pin on the Debare dress at some of the pieces. I did not know whether you designed to leave it at home or not. The Carpet Rose of Wedding cake & Stark the little butt Chamberlain. I have tried & tried to get some green merino Silk or cloth for Cape - but cannot. I think it would greatly improve your best cape if it were cut according to the pattern I sent - The back piece might be cut, and one fore side out of the largest part where there is no seam & the other fore part out of the smallest part. But I do not know as you will think best be at the labor to alter it. If there is any body there that is used to coloring, you may perhaps think it best to color the old green. Some time. When you have done with it for a Cloak it will make a good skirt. I have just cut a little black silk two breadths, you will see - I did not know but it might be useful to you for lining something or making a hood or apron or something. I do hope the box will reach you & make you more comfortable & useful.
How did you spend that rainy day at the Elder's? Do you know if Elder Knapp has any connection of the Knapp who preached about here -
Do they keep sheep there, if you can get yarn - perhaps a pair of woollen mittens would be comfortable - Do they spin or weave any? Have any died there, since you have been there? Saturday eve - No one to join with me in prayer here now - It is now between 8 & 9. Good night my dear A. Mother.

My dearly beloved Daughter,

Your letter was none the less joyfully received, because it came two days sooner than we expected. Your father & I went in to Mr Hodge's school this forenoon. It was delightful. I wish I could go every day. He has them do all their spelling on slates. He thinks they will be much less liable to mistakes, in writing, than if they learned to spell the old way. We think you may derive great advantage from adopting something of the plan of discipline & sch. government, recommended in Fowler's Institute, page 249 & 250 — You could make use of the system of "rewards of merit" without attaching any pecuniary value to them unless the Trustees would grant money for the purpose. Tho. we strongly recommend something of this kind, you must use your own judgment about adopting it. Ring H— once or twice in half a day — call the attention of the whole school with a little whistle & tell them to sing the Multiplication table. or "Come, come away" or to take some particular position; as, p[ut] [illegible] erect with shoulders back, & hands over the face & face down. 3d — One hand raised — 4 both hands raised — 5 Put both hands together & stretch them forward. I do not know as I have got the Nos right but this a teacher might regulate as he chose. also the particular positions. But something of this kind greatly relieves the mind & makes children love & enjoy the sch. room, better. As manhood & womanhood love & enjoy the sch. room, better. He teaches much of [illegible] at the black-board; writing down the different parts of speech. writing sentences, sometimes correctly & sometimes incorrectly for the scholars to correct. — I have now six in the family — James Bailey boards here to attend Mr H's school. And strange to tell, we have a little Irish girl about 10 years old. Her parents are protestants & so is she. Your father heard of her first at Mr. Bouton's; and from the recommendation they gave of her, together with that of Dr. Chadbourne's [illegible] went to see her the next day but one, & brought her home with him. This was two weeks last Monday, Jan. 24. Mrs. Bouton remarked to your father that she looked like "Antoinette" this you know would be no small recommendation to father & mother. Several have made the same remark, & we think it is not unjust. Her parents are very poor now, but it appears as tho. they belonged to the middle class & were there quite respectable. The mother is not expected to live long as Dr C— considers her in a fixed consumption. Concord people have taken a great interest in the family on account of their good principles, & because they have been much persecuted by the Irish catholics. Her mother first married a Mr Smith, who was the father of "Margaret" who is here, but her mother's present husband's name is Dany, & this is what they have called her. They have 4 younger children, the oldest of wh is in Ireland

with a grandmother. Margaret can read a spell some, she has learned a great deal the two weeks she has been here. can read a little in the bible I think she will get up with H. & G. in spelling. She takes hold of work well can sew quite prettily, washes dishes finely. We think we shall adopt her. She sends her love to you & wishes me to tell you that Henry has written her name in her book - Putnam. She seemed rather pleased with this. I talked with G. & H. about taking a little girl, & told them it wd take some property, to support her, which otherwise your three children wd have. But without any hesitation, they said you may take her. Your father has not read all of Fowler's work, but he has read something, with he delights proves. and says you must not take for granted that all he says on Grammar is correct. Does Mrs. Paddock like singing? I have known some married ladies quite sensitive on the subject of their husband's singing much with young ladies, especially if they went from home to enjoy it. I hope she likes it. I think our Nette will be very cautious in all her intercourse with gentlemen, I think I have mentioned to you a rule, which Mrs. Barstow told me she was taught to observe, when she resided in young married families in St. Haven. It was this, never to treat a man with more attention than his wife did. Another thing I have observed, which I think very proper - If you wish to do a favor to the man, instead of asking him if he will like to have you do it, ask his wife if she wd like to have you do it - Then it will be a favor to both. Your father says since I have written this last that he does not want you to be shy about singing with Mr P. Perhaps there was no need of my writing it, but I think it will not hurt you. Your father wishes me to say While Fowle has a great many good things - excellent things, & his Work may be regarded as a rich storehouse of instruction, and knowledge on the subject of teaching - yet there are some things in it decidedly objectionable, and you must use the good as well as you can & leave the bad - I should by no means wish to follow him in all things. When we found there was a letter for H. inclosed in your last George looked with a good deal of interest to see if there was one for him too. you must address a little to both. How do you spend your intervisions? I think you will enjoy the soc. of that excellent family - How quick one year will be gone. I had a long good letter from Hannah Newcomb a few weeks since it came in consequence of her learning that you had gone to the West. She was greatly interested in the enterprise. They had had a lecturer there & sent a great, large

My very Dear daughter,

It often seems to me that I must jot a few words to you every day. sometimes it appears as tho. I could see you in bed, looking at me with a smile, and I must just give you a kiss; but I can't quite reach you: but when you retire you may think I stand by the bedside ready to give it. & say good night, a very good one.

To day your dear father made me a present of a gold pen and silver pencil connected. I am writing with it and prize it very highly. Last Sab. Mr. Noyes preached here, his text A. M. was "Come thou - all thy house into the Ark, & Noah & his wife, and sons & sons' wives went in &c. Gen. 7. 1st & 7th vs. He remarked that individuals had often been invited to enter this Ark but it was his object to invite families to enter. He particularly addressed pious women, who had impenitent husbands - & those impenitent husbands, specifying the duties of each. Said he, I do not rejoice that these wives have impenitent husbands, but I do rejoice that these men have pious wives. He exhorted them not to throw obsticles in the way & impede their course to heaven, but to enter the Ark and go with them; & help them to train their children as they go to. That they at last might appear "a whole family in heaven."

Tuesday the Manchester Asso. met here, Mr. Willey & Deacon Eaton attended. Sister W. at home. I had Deacon to help me. Mr. D. preached his object was to shew that ministers & Christians must be decided against all sin, and use their influence to overcome it. He enquired, what we should think of that body of light which should say, I will have all my rays reflected back upon myself & grow lighter & lighter, or of the salt, which should say, I will retain all my saltness and grow salter & salter, I will not enlighten the world - nor will I diffuse my saltness thro. the substance I was designed to preserve. If a Christian could live merely for his own good - it would be like the light & salt & heaven saying these to themselves. And these comparisons of Christians with Light salt & heaven - show that where there is real piety it must exert an influence around it. Mr. Willey has got into his new house. They have every thing very nice. Edwin Mills is married to Mary Brown, & is expected will be soon. perhaps at thanksgiving - Will there be any of you in Ill.? Ours is to be the 25th of Nov. I am writing in

Saturday Oct. 16

I was interrupted in my writing last night by company. Mr. Burnham & wife came to see us, & brought their little girl with them. We had a very pleasant visit. Mr. Burnham is a minister at Amesbury. He was in Ill. about 4 years. He preached here last Sab. & Mon. eve. & Tues. morn. & Tues. eve. & Wed. morn. & eve. & Thurs. morn. - so you see we had a visit from him. He is very much of a gentleman. He has been in the employ of the Am. Tract Society for 15 years. He is now in the employ of the Mass. Sabbath School Union. He has been to Ill. & Wisconsin & Iowa. He has visited about 1000 Sabbath Schools in the course of the year. He has been to Galena & Chicago & Rock Island & Peoria & Alton & Springfield & Jacksonville & Quincy & Peru & Ottawa & Joliet & Aurora & Elgin & Belvidere & Rockford & Freeport &

the evening have occupied it today - as there was no school - & Mr. C. & Mary are gone, & I had no hard work to do today. Yesterday was the fe-
male meeting; Mrs. Jameson & young Mrs Ireland remained & took tea.
They spake of Grandma & of you. They never forget to pray for you.

Oct. 17 A delightful Sab. morn. Here is my dear Chi. I have not forgotten her
her class this morning. If you leave them to go to Hadley or Lockport, I hope you
will give them some portion of scripture to study or something I read. Do
you give them any scripture character to study out? I read yesterday I believe "In
doing good we get good: in endeavoring to elevate others, we raise ourselves." This is what
I have long held; & believe I have impressed the same idea, or at least tried to, on the
minds of my dear children. Sab. eve. We have just been playing & singing "If the
the Lord will guide my ways" & "There is a land of pure delight" &c. How low.
It seemed sweet to me, I wished very much I could sing & play. Thy will be done.
Do you play it any for my sake? Your dear father has preached on Jami
prayer meeting. The duty - its benefits. Phil. Tech. 9-12 "Turn ye to the strong hold
ye prisoners of hope - If all heard so as to obey there will be a revival -
even this very evening. O! do pray that the Holy Spirit may so impress
the truth that many will feel that they are prisoners & escape to Jesus with
out delay. Do you have any temptations to sin? Are you able to keep a
conscience void of offence? Sometimes when I think how many young people
are over come of evil & think of my scattered children - for a moment I al-
most tremble. Then I think of my Covenant keeping God. His arm is
strong to defend. His wing can be spread over Ch. at Ill. H. at Andover.
and G. at Mr. B's. Oh where else is there safety. Never trust your own
strength but be ever looking to the Lord. [illegible] I say among
strangers too, of any who are very attentive to you. She said they had hooks
and knives, and ever false hands, to use in getting out pocket-books. I should
not dare to eat fruit or nuts or anything from the hands of entire strangers and
many instances are recorded in public print of those who have been stupified
for the purpose of ruining them, by those who were members of the same
family for a time, and even relatives. I do feel grateful that I never was
insulted in this way. And my daily prayer is that you may never be. If
you receive the Con. Jour. of Oct. 14th read on the 2 page 3d col. near the bottom, under
the head of "The Missionary's Pioneer" What one female is doing in your
state. I wish I knew where & who. Such may you & yours companions in
labor all be. Misses Burn. & Cham. whom you met at Ch. are both baptists
I suppose. What were Mrs B's trials? Let all, baptists & all know that
your great object is to promote holiness of heart & life. But here I will just
say, nothing is spoken of as typical of purification in the bible I believe, so often,
and so beautifully as sprinkling. When you mentioned the passage from which
that old man was going to write a sermon you say Paul, when I suppose you did
have said Peter. Peter baptized 3000 in a day. John also baptized many - but this was before
the new dispensation had commenced - & Peter's was at it's commencement, when
Parents had not had time to have their children baptized before that day. If the old man
said Paul, I shd think it was just as much as he knew. Where is Miss Chamberlain
located? It is the ministry of Hopkinton, Miss E. Boutou is going to marry. So
when you visit H— you can go and see her - if both lives, are spared. I do hope
your box will reach you safely, but I am afraid you will be disappointed that there
is nothing new in it for a dress. If you wish me to send anything next spring or
summer, I think we may find opportunities to send to Chi. frequently. Some of
the Boardmen calculate to be this way several times in a year.

Dunbarton, October 22, 1847.

Very dear A. — We were delighted on the arrival of the mail with having a letter from you, & were glad to hear you were well, & that Lizzie was so much improved in singing &, at that time. Hope you will always smile when you read this, & will endeavor to sing sometimes to us without waiting to have a letter from us to ordain. You said nothing about Sarah, but are supposed to have received our dear letter. Did you see Miss Rose at Chicago? Very kind of her. We have hired a new box & shall convey it to New Boston, for Mr. Bradford, when he goes, to take with him to Detroit, & there forward it to Chicago. It is directed to Capt. John Gillions, to whom I suppose you have written to take care of it & the if arrives, & that you will remunerate him for all his trouble & expense. Mr. Bradford will also have a letter from us to you, to take on to Detroit, where he is to mail it. We have not seen him, & do not know that he has yet arrived at New Boston, but he is expected there about this time, & we suppose he will take your things. Your box contains, besides two pieces of sheet music, two books of music viz. "The Forest Harp", a collection of sacred & moral Songs, & a book called, I think, "The common school Teacher" containing music adapted to common schools. So I will be very well supplied with music when your box arrives, & I hope you will make a good deal of use of it.

We were quite interested in the "Load of Potatoes" which you "dug up", near the commencement of your visit. It was indeed quite civil, in the venerable apostate from congregationalism, to tell a young lady who was a Progressive Congregationalist, who had been sent for to entertain him with music, that he would hear her on condition that she would become a baptist! Really, this was the climax of politeness! Had you been disposed to reciprocate this species of politeness, you might have told him, that you would sing to him on condition that he would read the New Testament that is mark every passage that calls plunging baptism, or that calls immersion baptism; & if he found none, (as would certainly be the case) then he would pursue his tracks back again, & become a congregationalist. You might tell him, he need not mark the passages that speak of being baptized in Jordan; for people did be baptized in Jordan by sprinkling, or pouring, (as I have no doubt at all in my mind they were;) now did he mark those that spoke of being buried in baptism, since that passage had no reference to water baptism, or being buried in water, but spoke expressly of being buried into death. (See Rom. 6: 4, where you will perceive that the apostle was not speaking at all of water baptism. Also, Col. 2: 12. In neither of these passages, or their connexions, is there a word about water baptism. — Or, you might have given the venerable man another condition. Having first impressed him to the fact, (which he could not deny,) that when God instituted laws & ordinances he expressly ordered parents to affix the seal of their faith to their infant offspring, — you might have told him, you did sing to him, on condition that he would read the whole Bible thro' & mark the passages that revoked this order, & directed believing parents not to affix the seal of their faith to their infant offspring; & if he found none, that he did become a congregationalist again. But I am glad you made no reply. It is my wish, that when this subject is introduced, you would make no replies. Or, if obliged to say any thing, tell them that it is a subject on which your mind is settled, & that you cannot consent to spend your time in disputing about it; that there are other things of far more importance to converse about than the minor differences of religious sects, especially when those differences related to mere externals.

Should you be attacked again on baptism, just let me know. I should like to be kept apprized of all this kind of bombarding which you are called to experience, & to know if the bomb-shells ever burst in a way to give you any wounds. I cannot but greatly respect Elder Knapp for his entire freedom from this species of impudence. He has acted the part of a gentleman & a christian, in leaving you entirely unmolested in the enjoyment of your own cherished sentiments, & not striving to induce you to break away from your church covenant, vows, & enter some other fold; a thing which he could not do, & you could not do, & be God's children.

I am glad you had an opportunity to go to Chicago & enjoyed it. Hope you will keep up your acquaintance there, & visit there as often as convenient. Perhaps you may find it convenient, at some time, to spend a considerable

part of a question with Mrs. Farnum. I enclose you in this, an article with
I cut from a common School Magazine. I think you will find the question an interesting &
examination interesting & profitable, altho' they are not all appropriate to you.
The poetry, too, on the other side, - "Is pleasing to be shrouded by female lips," &c. I was
much pleased with. I think you will like to read this little paper hereafter, & look at it of
course. You have probably seen [illegible] in one of your [illegible] that we have
received a [illegible] Institute," wh. contains a great deal of useful hints to teachers. In what
he says, however, in relation to religion, he is not very thorough, - being a Unitarian. You will bear this in mind when you read him.

Very affectionately, your father, John M. Putnam.

Dear Carton, Mich.
Oct. 29 1860

Miss Antoinette B. Putnam,
Lockport, Illinois.
Eastern Settlement.

I received a letter from your Aunt L. saying she had received yours and de
signed to answer it soon. She has suffered much from her eyes, been some of the time
unable to read or write - still well at W. They have settled a Mr Briers for this
winter. but no more union than when they gave a call to Mr Porter.
Do you need a Sabbath Sch. library. Do it likely you will remain in
Y. I two years? Can you not have a female prayer meeting in your
Sch. house? Try to do all the good you can - I trust you do. I do hope some
of your dear scholars will come to Christ. Have there been any revivals in
that region? Mary Jenny went home to Wisconsin in Sept. Her uncle
ball went with her to Baraboo to attend the meeting of the Ch. Board of Fr. Miss.
The then she came next you did to Milwaukee. Her Father is near Beloit I believe.
In all your letters tell of your health. again. Mr. Jameson is going to Exeter to teach
Stearns & H. H. are gone to the factory
Mr. Spinning [illegible] Mr. Abbot [illegible]

Six months tomorrow morning since you & I left D— for Boston. You not expecting to return for two years. One fourth of that time has already passed away! What have we done for Him who has done & suffered so much for us. I sometimes feel as tho I was doing something for you — yet I do not feel that I have any less to do here. Mr. Boutwell as he was about to leave here, said "give my love to A. when you write. I think a great deal about her" He prayed as tho. he did. Polly Baily desired much love. Also Miss Emerson said she wanted to see you so, if she could fly & see you, she did. E Boutwell will be married, I suppose as soon as she can conveniently get ready — the time was not appointed. Mr B. said she was taking a place of great responsibility. Mr W. has one little boy 4 yrs old. Mrs B now Mrs. Smart told your father, Mr W. was about as old again as Elizabeth. about 6 younger than her father. Wonderful! But we hope it will do well.

Nov. 14 This is the anniversary of your public profession of faith in Christ. I have it recorded 48 but that will make it 6 years today. I think I must have made some mistake about it. The day has been snowy. It commenced snowing last night, snowed very fast till about 8 o'clock & has been misting till about seven a.m. The first snow we have had. Very few of course at Ch. Perhaps 60. but it seemed good to be there. I often think how particular grandma was to read her tract on Communion, every week before the sacrament was to be administered. And I am sensible we are great losers in sensible enjoyment if we go to that feast unprepared. that is with our minds full of other subjects. We did meditate much on the nature design & benefits of this ordinance. Have you had the privilege of this ordenance since you left home? Love from C Chamberlain.

Boarders left Sat. Mr Hadley delivered a lecture at the Lecture last Thurs. on Geology. Wish you cd have heard it. Mr Morris delivered one on History the week before. He is to deliver another in a few weeks, on Ornamental Trees. We have got a row of maples set out from ours to Capt H & Strothers & before Dr. S.'s. We have poles made. It look more as tho. somebody lived here. Mr C Holmes has moved that frame for a house wh. stood by the side of the road, beyond Mr Thurmond's down to the old red house, to place it between that & Capt H's for a baptist minister to live in. Mr Hodge is now living in a part of Mr Holmes house. If cold weather does not come on too fast they hope to get his new house prepared for him to live in, in a few weeks. David Kimball is to keep our Dis. sch. Mr. a singing sch. He is much improved. Trouble is expected from the anniversary. Do you have any trouble? I have been washing & ironing & rubbing today. It seems good to talk a little to you. tho. It will be many week before you can receive it. I hope it will reach you.

Written

Dunbarton, Nov. 24, 1847.

Very dear daughter — Your letter arrived yesterday, and filled our hearts with much joy, I assure you. I am very glad you have at length a regular boarding house. In your next, describe the house, your room, &c. minutely. Also, describe each member of the family, & mention Capt. Eaton's business — & what is his business when he goes to N. York. Tell them we are very much obliged to them for all their kindness to you. I think the committee should have raised your wages to $2.00 — but if you keep school 5 days a week, it will be nearly equal to $2,— for the customary time of 5½. — I think, however, you ought to carry out what you told them, viz. that you should have $2. next term. This is quite low enough. You can tell them, if necessary, that this is now the common wages of females in this town, who are keeping school this winter, even though these teachers, have had ordinary qualifications for teaching common schools — and being acquainted with the higher branches of science. There is another thing which you can tell the committee, if necessary, or any one else, (a thing which we have not yet told you) viz. that about the time you commenced your school at Yankee Settlement, there was an application thro' the recommendation of our friend Lucius Ballard for you to go to Virginia & teach a private family-school, at a salary of $2,50 and board, which would be about $5.00 per week. The application came thro' her brother, Nathan Ballard of Baltimore. The application, of course, could not be complied with then, or it came too late. And had it come sufficiently early, I should not wish you to go to the South till you had seen more years. Still, it may do to mention this to show that so far as money is concerned, you could do much better than to teach school for two or even three dollars per week. I think you are doing a great deal more good where you are, than you would be at the South, & that it is decidedly better for your mind & heart. And therefore, I prefer your present situation to one at the South, with all the money that such a situation would yield.

I have a catalogue of Dartmouth students, which I will forward you at the same time I do this letter. — I called at Mr. Smart's recently, (husband of the former Mrs. Haseltine) She inquired with a great deal of interest after you, & sends much love. She appears to be very happy indeed in her new connection. And Mrs. Boulton tells me he was very much pleased with her.

people in common speak of him as a very enterprising, thriving & respectable man. Since Mrs. S.'s marriage, she has left the Chart, & Miss Amanda Hall is head singer among the females, & sustains her situation very well, I am told. She is very much like her sister Mrs. S. tho' not quite equal to her. Lt. L. Barton spoke of you with the greatest interest, & asked me to write to you. She said she thot she should. I gave her Lt. Post Office address, at her request. — Miss Bunter has been here for some days, — spoke much of you, & of the pleasant disappointment it was not at first to receive you. Said Mr. & Mrs. Clark regretted it exceedingly, & likewise Miss Foster, who regretted very much that she did not secure you at a cheaper price — Said Miss F. all the time thought I am sorry you return. But I am glad you did not. Miss F. is not quite noble spirited & generous enough to deal with my Antoinette, those qualities naturally inclines her to yield rights, rather than contend. Miss Bunter said, Mr. Clark, (and if I understood her, herself in connection) meant to write to you, & if she neglected you, post to their address, ah. I gave her. Frances, I know said Mrs. Leach, with whom you boarded when at Gobbstown, wanted your P. O. address, as she intended to write you. I sent her the same by Frances. So you see you are in a fair way to have some letters, if your friends convey at their destinations. There have no letters come to you to this office since you left home, & no publications that we think it of any importance to procure. Mr. Morrill did not make much of an examination, as his school was a good deal reduced towards the close. I have only 2 boys remaining, & there was no reclaiming. Mr. Hadley was present, who is now staying at his father's in Bow — Study in law some & teaching school, & an excellent one, too. His Laura is as her father, & having her I know, is as precious to him as ever. I told Mr. Hadley about you ride to Chicago on the prairies. It exceedingly pleased him, & I saw him look to one of his most hearty laughs. He thot it was very fine indeed — Ah. you must have enjoyed yourselves exceedingly, & wished us to tell you, when we wrote again, just to send him word & he would go with you. Nothing he thot, could be more pleasant, than such an excursion.

I shall regret very much to have you give up your class in the Sabbath school, if I that your health were fully adequate to the task, but I that your labors were too great last summer, for your health. It may be well not to have the responsibility of a class this winter. I am pleased Mr. Lane do not keep school but 3 days in a week. How old are those Dutchmen Mr. will attend your school? What do you mean "great men" Mr. you spoke of, Study? I presume you will have no trouble in governing your large scholars. You will only need to appeal to their sense of honor. That is always the way for females to govern large boys & young men. Secure their respect, & appeal to their honor. I suppose our last

letter arrived to Lockport just about the time your letter, mailed Nov. 10, was carried to the office, and that you have one this, obtained it. If so, you will learn fr. that, th. your box was carried to New Boston for Mr. Bradford to take to Detroit on his return, & thence forward to you by the boats. Since our last, we have heard th. Mr. B. has taken the box, & would do his best to get it to you. It has been some four N. Boston nearly two weeks, & we hope has reached you. It was directed to "Capt. John Williams, Chicago, for Antoinette B. Putnam, teacher, Yankee Settlement, near Lockport, Ill." You will, of course, write, just as soon as you receive it, & let us know all about it, & what we owe you for transportation. — Has there been any cases of fever & chills, or congestive chills where the borrowed money? Did you pay it? Have you had any of them since you have been there? Any deaths? How is Lavon now? Sis mum? Henry is now at home. He leaves fr. Mr. Kittle, with whom he has worked, th. he has given perfect satisfaction, & his pair to make a good workman. George expects to stay at Mr. Bailey's all winter. Mr. Bailey says he has been a good boy & worked well. He will let him attend school this winter, & give him, at the end of his year $20,00 for his services, besides clothing to the amount of six or eight dollars, or more. This is better than we expected, & will help him to increase his stock in the Savings' Bank. — But all this is nothing compared with the great interests of the soul. The good object of this life is th. he, to prepare for the life to come. Let us all live, as if we realized this, & be diligent & faithful in the discharge of every incumbent duty.

Very affectionately, your father,
John M. Putnam.

Nov 24. Dear sister.
It is a long time since
I have written to you, but I am at home
now. to stay all winter and go to school.
I am very glad you are so pleasantly situated.
I wish I might look in to the schoolhouse
and see you teaching those great boys.
Mother says she does not expect they have
any Thanksgiving in all. Please tell us in
your next. Father. Henry, Rider, Charles K.
and Dr. Stearns, have set some maple trees
all along in front of the vestry, and
walks to the road, and down by Dr. Stearns
to the other road. yours truly.
H. M. Putnam.

Shall not get received, request us to do so if this should

When we told Mr. Very more were there, he said he should be very glad to see them. Mr. Very more were there, he said he should be very glad to see them. Mr. Very more were there, he said he should be very glad to see them.

Dumbarton, Dec. 28, 1847.

Very dear Nettie,

I believe we have forwarded two or three letters already, (including the one in the box, wh. we trust ere this you have received,) wh. you have not yet had time to forward answers; yet we can find matter enough to fill a sheet every week, wh. we shd. like to write, if we had time, and therefore we do not wait for yr. answers before we write again.

I will tell you, (now I think of it,) wh. last week I had eight upper teeth set on gold plate. My mouth now presents a set of teeth wh. look very natural & perfect, & I find them an essential benefit in speaking. Expense, $30,00 — I feel almost impatient to have you, mother have been inserted, but her gums are not quite hard enough yet. — There has been a more than usual interest felt here of late in common schools, and we are holding meetings once in two weeks, for the benefit of teachers of schools, & others interested in elevating the standard of School-teaching. I have wished we had a phonographic instrument for conveying sound, as Morse's Telegraph does sense, so that we could convey the sound of our voices to your ears, & let you hear what interesting things we say in the line of yr. profession; for we say some very interesting things, I will assure you. We insist that there shd. be a complete revolution in our schools, in many respects, — particularly in respect to those parts of education wh. may be termed physical, moral & social education. We insist that the School house, & those who occupy it shd. be kept clean & neat — th. the atmosphere shd. be kept pure by proper ventillation, so that health may be promoted; that there shd. be special attention paid to the manners of the pupils — th. they shd. be taught to make their obeisance when they enter the School-room, & when they arrange themselves in classes to read, — that there shd. be order in the School-room, not only during School exercises, but during the intermission at noon — all conversing, & bustle, & noise, being entirely prohibited; th. the morals, habits, and general deportment of the pupils shd. be carefully watched over — in short, th. the District School, shd. be made a School of virtue, of good morals, & good habits, as well as of literature & Science. — Now is it, dear A. in your School, in regard to these things? Tell us, is yr. next, what you are doing in these respects? If you are not now doing what you shd. do, will you not make a new effort? Besides attending to the morals & manners of yr. pupils, you will, of course, attend to their religious instruction.

How far advanced in their studies are your forwardest scholars? Have there been any accessions of families to Yankee Settlement of late? What is Capt. Paddock's employment? Is he wealthy? To what religious denomination is he & his wife most attached? How much of Mary will unite with you in worship, if you have a meeting-house & sch.? Will you have preaching every Sab-

bath – & one Sabbath at your settlement & then one at Hadley, altogether. Tell us all about it in yr. next, & whether the project is likely to succeed. We are greatly pleased with it.

Very affectionately your brother,
John M. Putnam.

I love you, & my selfish feelings would have retained you with me, but I have not yet regretted that we made the sacrifice. Have you, my dear girl? Yesterday we had another occasion of rejoicing over a letter from you. It was dated Dec. 8th 20 days coming. Soon after you mailed this I hope you received another letter from us, wh. has given you all the desired information respecting the manner of our spending Thanksgiving &c &c. which you wished to know about. Mr. Hatty. Our lyceum still go on. We expect Mr. Morrill next week to lecture on "Ornamental Trees." On the 24 Nov. we had rain instead of snow, & tremendous rain, so that very many who came home to spend Thanksgiving got very wet. A few weeks since Martha & Frank Stearns came in & took tea with me. Frank looked at your picture & exclaimed, O your dear girl, then turning to me, said, when you write give my love to her – give all my love to her!" Mr. also sent her love. Miss M. Rider. & I suppose several others have made the same request. Deborah was in here, came to the Tuesday meeting, when your letter came, heard it read & sent love; her mother is very feeble. When I visit Mr. Morrill's sch. I think how very much better a child (or any other person) looked when reading or reciting to hold the head up – straight up. Make yours & all your scholars go up if you can. But I believe your father has written enough about sch. manners. Mother.

Dunbarton Dec 26th 1847.

Dear sister,

It is Sabbath evening, Mother and I have been looking out Missionary stations all around you, in the Home Miss. but – there were none mentioned very near your county; yet we were very much interested in that state. It has snowed every night in the week but one and this morning it blowed very hard. this is Friday, so that we had rather a thin meeting. I have for two Sabbaths harnessed the horse and carried Mother and several others to meeting, and to day I conveyed Mrs. Smith home.

I am glad you had so good a ride to the wedding, was it conducted as they are here, if not how? David Kimball has a prize school here. He has declamation and compositions every week, and it makes a very interesting exercise of it. I have got to interest in Adam's Arithmetic. How do you get along teaching those Dutchmen the English language?

Your affectionate brother, John M. Putnam.

I am not sure I have learned of Mr. Hopkins, of Buffalo the death of Mr. Cook continues. Sabbath school? Life, life eternal. Mrs. Cook's mind must be in a sad state. Only a few days. Was it sudden? Mrs. Cook's mind must be in a sad state. Only a few days. Was it sudden? How other Cook

Who are the teachers, who are going to be married? Out of B? it is no strange thing; I hope they will still do good. I hope the meeting house will be builded, with speed, I rejoice very much in the prospect. O I do hope there will be a ministers of the right kind ready for them. This shall be my prayer. Please write a note or letter to Frank Stearns & Eliza. they think you promised to or a letter if you choose. If you do, direct to the Dr. & all C. are well at Manchester. Dec. 30 We have just returned from the funeral of an infant daughter of Col. Hammond's. born last monday morning. Mrs widow H. enquired after you & sent love. said she thought a great deal about you.

Dear Harriet, Dec. 30th, 1844

Answered,

Miss Henriette B. Hutton,
Lockhouse, Mill Co.
Connecticut.

Mr. Hodge, the baptist minister moves into his new house, between Coffin's and the red house, today. They are to have a Pastoral visit and a wedding of one of his nieces, saturday, I understand. Henry has outgrown you and he is almost as tall as his father. I wish I could send you an American Messenger. There was a beautiful piece in the Dec No. entitled the Farmers daughter, shewing how a young woman in obscure life, lived & so last progressed she had made in religious knowledge. She had the Bible, with the comprehensive Commentary till the opening of the different Chathors were familiar to her. She said she had meditated the bible through twice, except a few of the last chapters of Rev. by wh she meant, she committed with Gen. & Matt over the subject of each chap. & broom. & think this a good way to fix it in the mind. Do you question yourself about what you read? Learn them & think all you can. Your ever loving Mother.

Love to your Aunt Sarah & Mary & Lucy & Mrs Hutton & Mrs Hodge

Does the candle of the Lord still shine on you, and on your path, making it light & plain before you? That it will always be thus, we can not expect. God often leads his own dear children in dark paths, but if He is their Guide, and they follow Him implicitly, they are safe, and may even be happy, in the most dark & trying way. And let us never forget that "all things will work for good to them who love God."

I am now sitting in the nursery, alone, as I am most of the time, day & evening; except at the happy hours, wh. call father and brothers to the table. Lyceum, singing school & speaking &c take the boys away most of the evenings. I saw by the last N. R. Paper that there was a good Paper published at Chicago, called, "The Herald of the Prairies"; another at Elgin called "The Western Christian". Do you see either of them? We are having another thaw. To-day is foggy & rainy. Water is now all over the Common, thro. wh. we can see the bare ground. I suppose you are mending or looking over your books, or writing to some friend to-day. A father's blessing & a mothers blessing rest upon you wherever you are, whatever you do.

Jan. 19. Now I shall try to fill up the blanks on this sheet as your dear father & bro have occupied the other pages. Alone in the nursery. Boys at singing school. Last week Wednesday when it was fine sleighing, Mr. & Mrs. Smart rode up to our door about 2 O'clock; they remained here till after sunset. David came in & played a few minutes before tea, & after tea they sung a few tunes. Mrs. S. appears very happy & enjoys fine health. She kindly enquired after you & desired it be remembered to you. Mrs. Will. Whipple enquired after you yesterday, at the Chh. meeting & said give my love to her. New year's day Mr. Hodge had a pastoral visit, & tho. the travelling was bad & the day foggy & wet. They had I shd think about 40 there from about 2 O'clock to 8. We had a special invitation to be there from Mr. & Mrs. H— went; & had a very pleasant interview. Nine O'clock a niece of H. was married. Nothing has been said to us about a visit to

*Excepting by Dea. Wingate. We have one, we shall return the call. Mrs. Wingate's sister Mrs. Hall is married & lives in Boston. We expect that the Dr. will visit it. Shall we have a visit from that

Dunbarton, Jan. 19, 1848.

Very dear Nettie —

Your last, was peculiarly welcome, on several accounts. It brot us the declaration, "Lo! & behold! my box has come!" That box had been absent, fr the time it was carried to New Boston, more than three months, before we knew th. you had, or ever would, receive it. We tho't a good deal about it, & were exceedingly desirous th. it might not be lost, tho we feared it would be. Our anxiety th. it might have a safe arrival, was not so much, on account of the value of what it contained, as fr. the part th. the things, it contained, were for our dear daughter. There was the identical cloak wh. was made for her, & fitted to her, and the muff wh. was purchased for her to warm her hands in, the music wh. she had expressly written for, the books, the rewards of merit, &c. &c. And then we had got a box made on purpose to put these things in, and, as you supposed, we had taken a good deal of pains to pack, & close up the box in the best order, and had been to New Boston on purpose to carry it — all these things, (together with the frequent mention of the box in your letters, as an object of strong desire on yr. part, & knowing th. it would afford you such exquisite pleasure to receive such a present right from the parental roof, all prepared for you by the hands of yr. own dear parents) — threw an interest around that box, wh. indeed, have made its loss more painful to me than the loss of 4 times its value in silver & gold. But it is now safe in your possession — your own hands have unpacked it, & you are enjoying its contents, & we are made partakers of yr. joy.

Give my kind regards to Elder Knapp, & tell him we are very much obliged for his very ready compliance with my request for a note from him. I like testimony concerning you, & yr. school, such all we could possibly desire. He says the school is prosperous & making rapid advancement, and in regard to the teacher of it, why, he says that, [illegible] the esteem & affection in wh. she is held, and the readiness he believes to be felt, to do anything for her happiness which it is possible to do, that you are made to feel quite easy about your daughter, tho' far away fr. our own personal care, and among those who, till quite recently, were entire strangers. After all, we look to Eld. as the protector, of course, but it is pleasing, & ought to awaken our fervent gratitude, to behold him raising up kind friends for you, & hereon in his providence, he casts yr. lot.

I suppose it is vacation with you just now, & you will let us know, will you? in your next, how you spend the vacation. We conclude you do not pay for your board during vacation. — Write to us what wages you have during yr. 3d term. You ought, certainly to have $2.00 per week. Have any of yr. scholars got into disordered studies? Do you have any whispering in school? It is exceedingly desirable that this sh. be entirely avoided. Have you found yourself under the necessity of using corporeal punishment? I presume you do not whip them very hard, at any rate, as Mr. Knapp says, "they are all singularly attached to their teacher!" What do you do about having them make their obeisance, when coming in & out of school? This I think is important. I would have the girls, however, instead of making the old fashioned courtesy, make a very slight inclination of the head. I think this looks altogether better than the courtesy wh. I hope you have done making. Rev Mr. Hodge, the baptist minister here, who has been a teacher at a Teachers' Institute, and who is about to open a kind of Model School here for one month, think he shall substitute this for the courtesy. The boys he wd. have make a regular bow; the girls, as I said, a slight inclination of the head; just enough to indicate respect for superiors. He would have them also say, Yes Sir, & No Sir — Yes Madam, &c. instead of the simple affirmation & negation. All wh. I most heartily approve, & think it has a good effect tho' little. It tends to make the pupils respectful & obedient to proper authority.

Recollect if yr. letters exceed half an ounce in weight, they are liable to be double postage. The letter we have just received was marked 2 cents. Now I have a half of letter paper, besides the envelope, & should as much as you can send for single postage, or two sheets without the envelope. Yes the freight of Mr. box $3.12½ fr. Detroit to Chicago? Or, as the wholly distance? Have you written to Mr. Bradbury? — Yes from yr. own father

John M. Putnam

Barton Jan. 8 1848.

Dear Sister.

To day I came home, and am going to school for six weeks. I am going to David Kimball's school, three weeks; his closes then. A baptist minister is going to keep a few weeks when David's closes. His name is Hodge,

Jan. 9. This morning after breakfast, Henry, Mother, & I, got our Sabbath School lesson. I am going to try to read the Bible through, Henry has began it too.

I have been reading in the Well Spring since I came home from meeting. I have been reading about, a little boy's opinion of the Well Spring. He got his father to subscribe for one, & he was so pleased that he ran to tell his friend Frank. He tried to have him subscribe for it too. Frank told his Father What the little boy said, & what a beautiful paper it was, & asked his father if he would subscribe for it too but he said that he did not want to give any more than was necessary for papers, He was a Wealthy man too. He said if Frank wanted to read so much, he could read the half dozen political papers for which he subscribed.

Jan. 15. I have been to School one Week. I like very much, I study Woodbridge Geography & Adams' Arithmetic.

I shall now have to close & leave room for Henry & Mother to write. I send a pound of love.

Affectionately

George A Putnam

We like the Letter you sent us very much, and should be happy to hear from you frequently. Please remember to write often. Give my love to Father & Mother. Tell me if you have a Calf. Have you any thing in Portland for sale? Please remember to write all very much.

Dear Sister. How do you do? Are you well? Have you any Nuts in Maine? Have you made you a Sled? Please write us where you live. Have you a Calf? Do you warm any thing? Do you see or hear any thing of Mr. Hodge? Did you go with your class to meeting? Have you done reading or writing? Have you a Calf

Dunbarton Jan. 16 1849.

My dear sister

I am very glad to hear that you enjoy so good health, and that you are surrounded with many warm friends. Mr. Lane came here last night in the rain with a sleigh, and he has preached all day. His object in so this after-noon to show the value of the bible, in elevating the character of man. He said where the scriptures were most attended to, there the people were most enlightened and elevated, in every point of view. The collection for the bible society will be taken up this week.

Jan 18. Our school closes next week, and then we have a week's vacation, and Mr. Hodge will begin a school which shall attend. I have got to Alligation in Arithmetic, have got along very well in my studies this winter, I have been attending a singing school three evenings in a week this winter, and taken a part in the lyceum; am to speak next evening on this question. Is war ever consistant with the principles of christianity? I am appointed on the negative, and expect Mr. Morrill from Concord to deliver a lecture. Mr. Hodge will deliver a lecture on School government next week.

Your affectionate brother, H. N. Put.

Dumbarton, Feb. 10, 1848.

Dear Nellie.

Your account of the family of Mr. Paddock, whose at present Providence has made it, your home, was very interesting. We can now cast our eye, — the mental eye, which, I am glad is very clear sighted, on dear daughter in that amiable family, enjoying all the sweets of domestic life — the glow of strong affection, kind attentions to her wants, & deep sympathy in all her labors & cares. "Bless the Lord, O our souls, & forget not all his benefits." — You may tell Mr. & Mrs. Paddock, we are daily looking into their peaceful dwelling upon that beautiful prairie, — that we see with great gratitude how pleasantly our dear daughter is situated, — enjoying their parent-like attentions, having sweet little Eliza for her companion, playing & bed-fellow, an "bright black eyes" sparkling with a kindly glee, & her countenance beaming intelligence, when she is told what a woman she should be. We shd. be very happy to enter, in persona, into your pleasant dwelling, as well as in the visions of the mind. But the road is a little too long. When vehicles are made to go by atmospheric pressure, & can be propelled with something like telegraphic despatch, we will calculate to give you frequent calls.

In your next, give us a particular account of that new Scotch family — what precinct they live in — how near Scotsport — what church they belong to, if any — any novelties among them — about how old each one is — what they do for a living, & any other interesting particulars respecting them.

You mentioned B. Hadley would join the congregationalists

in your settlement in building a Meeting house, supporting preaching &c. Has Hadly failed to support the ministry, & lose? Have they now no regular ministry & constant preaching? If you have a new Meeting house, who do you expect will be your preacher? ——— Had you any vacation at the close of yr. 2d. term? What wages do you have in yr 3d. term? Have you a good blackboard? and do you use it a good deal? Hope you will follow the great many "good suggestions" in Fowle's Teachers' Institute. Do you? Tell us what you have adopted different fr. the old way. — Mr. Hodge, our Baptist minister here, whose name we mentioned in our last, has a very fine school of about 35 scholars. He adopts very many of Fowle's suggestions, & it gives very great interest to his school. He has all his scholars, male & female, make their obeisance on entering & leaving the school-room in school hours, by a bow, no courtesying, which we both think ought to be utterly abandoned. Mr. H. remarked, that no lady of good education & refinement, would now think of making an old-fashioned courtesy. A lady, however, should never make a low bow. This wd. be far more ludicrous than polite. It shd. be just the slightest inclination of the body that can be made, and indicate respect for a superior. It shd. be that gentle & easy expression of reverence & esteem, which would naturally, & almost involuntarily, come fr. a person of a kind heart & blind manners. The boys, shd. make lower bows than the girls, tho' not very low ones. Very low bows, have the appearance of great awkwardness, & want of cultivation. What is your custom in regard to these things? Attention to manners, we are thinking here, about these times, is of very great importance. — If I had room, I would tell you something about the discussion of the woman question we have lately had in our Lyceum, but I have not. I will only say, we are growing stronger & stronger against allowing. What are Mr. Paddock's politics? I hope he is a liberty man. By the way, our Lyceum exercises of late have been very interesting. Mr. Hodges & yr. father have become quite prominent speakers — usually, to state the greater interest, taking opposite sides of a question. — Affectly yr. brother
John M. Putnam.

Feb. 10. 1848

Ally Dear Sister.

I am going to Miss Hodge's school now, like very much. I have got 36 scholars, think that she will have a fine school & James Bailey goes and boards there.

Mr. Hodgeway of reading in the testament is, he reads one verse & my the school will after, increase.

For a schoole exercise he has all those that can sing, sing the multiplication table & singly Arithmetic and Grammar Spelling in Sanders spelling book.

I send love to you, and should like to step in and see you.

Rebecah Hills has come this evening to help mother and make some dresses for Margaret, one out of our green calico. Rebecah sends love, and I send love & we both send to Julia.

Affectionately

George A. Putnam.

Dunbarton Feb 10. 1848

Dear sister Nette.

We recieved your kind letter on Tuesday the 9th and I was very much glad to find a letter for me in it. Indeed it was a great deal of pleasure. I think I should like to just call in, some of the moonlight evenings and see how you look. Can you not send me over a little of your sermons, I think I should like it much. I should like to go and stay with you

few days, and go hunting, and before I return
just visit your school. Sam very sorry your hair
lost so much of your hair; wish I could send you
a little bottle of oil in this letter, that would
make it all come out again, but I do not not
believe but that I should know you.
Sam now attending Mrs Kadyes School I think he

Miss Antoinette B. Gilman,
Loudspeak, Willi Co. Ill.
Cumberland Settlement.

understands keeping School the best of any man
that I ever saw. He opens the school with singing,
reading in the Testaments, and prayer; ~~he~~ ~~after~~
he will have composition and declamation
next week. We are going to have a funeral visit
"providence permitting" on Friday the 19th and if I am per
to attend it will be the first one that I ever attended
in my life. We are going to have a short sermon

Willcox, Ariz. Feb. 19. 1880.

My dear Sister Martha

One word to my ever precious daughter — Yesterday, Feb 18, we had a visit, as was proposed before, we last wrote to you, from about 80 of our beloved people. The best of the kind we have ever had; I do earnestly hope it will result in great good. Mr. Rider, Eld. Harmon & Eld. & Charles were here. As it was the day for our female prayer meeting, we retired to the study & had three pra. Without any request, you were particularly remembered by Bro Wm Caldwell. Many enquiries were made after you. Sr. Wingate told the sisters she had felt quickened to ex in duty ever since our fast, & hoped she should never sink back again into stupidity. O I do hope we shall see the Ch awake & sinners converted.

We need a letter from your aunt Louise this week. She seems to think a great deal about you — loves to pray for you — & desired much love to you. Your aunt Pond was very unwell — fears were entertained that her lungs were seriously affected.

Sch. 3d School came here last Monday & remained till yesterday; she has assisted me in turning & making over my Alpaca & is making Hs shirts. Have you repaired your Alpaca. Was that cape of any use to you? You have liberty to cut it up to repair with. If you have grown so large you must have had to enlarge all your dresses. Was you not elated some? If all is right, you may be smaller now. In what particulars have you altered in your looks? Have you lost your red cheeks? My hair came off near your present age, I think. Bro. Willey died last Monday Morn — was buried yesterday (Thursday) Your father preached the funeral sermon. We had had a great snow & blow & the roads not broken out — so I did not go — your father had a hard time in getting there. All the other neighboring ministers wives were there.

March 13. Today I washed; had not got quite through, when (about half past eleven) Margaretta father & mother came here. They stayed a few hours, & both, Bro & Sro. Denny, & your father & I signed a writing, which places Margaret in our family as an adopted child. She is now standing by my side & says, "you are going to tell her, she has a beloved sister, ain't you" She can sew, knit, crochet, scour knives &c. & I think will make a fine scholar. She has considerable decision of character, but if all is turned right it will make her none the less useful. We hope what we have done will be for her good & ours. The time is drawing near when Henry & George must leave us. I love them dearly, but they do not give evidence that they are christians. I have a great deal to do to prepare them to leave. Achsah will probably take some more sewing home

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Feb. 18. Sabbath. Meeting as usual. Bro Rider preached. I was not present. Henry is regard to the promises of God. I do not think that he will forsake us. He believes the promises but must once learn a lesson, or he will not have the promises fulfilled to him. Henry is now at work for Bro Wm Caldwell. Many enquiries were made after you. Sr. Wingate told the sisters she had felt quickened to ex in duty ever since our fast, & hoped she should never sink back again into stupidity. O I do hope we shall see the Ch awake & sinners converted.

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Dunbarton, March 10, 1848.

Very dear daughter— Your letter arrived by the last mail. We were pleased & grateful to hear from you. Think you must have spent the time during the suspension of yr. school very pleasantly. How good is your heavenly Father to you, to furnish you in that far distant land, with so many friends, & pleasant places to call at & spend yr. days of leisure! How very emphatically can you adopt the language of the Psalmist— "Surely goodness & mercy do follow me all my days!" — You mention that you expect yr. compensation will now be, $ 2.00 per week. With this, I am perfectly satisfied, although it is a low price for the labors of one who has spent as much time & labor as you have to prepare to teach. But we did not expect, by any means that your Western enterprise would be a money-making business. The great object was to be useful — to do good: receiving, at the same time, a respectable support. Your present wages of $ 2. are just about meet the ideas of Bro. Should the Trustees think of giving you less in the summer, because it is customary to get teachers for less in the summer, I hope you will object; decidedly, telling them that your father is unwilling, after spending so much for your education, to have you labor for any less, except on the principle of giving away your labors to the poor, which, what you now are, is not a duty which is called for. It would have been no more than right for you to receive $ 2. last summer, yet considering yr. inexperience in such a kind of school, I did not feel seriously disappointed. By the way, Mr. Hodge, the Baptist minister here, who has been teaching a model school in this place for the past 3 months, thinks it would be a capital idea for you, after you have completed your engagement at the West, by staying one more season, to return here, & keep a Select School, at least two terms in a year, in this town. He says he would do every thing he could to sustain you, & promote the interests of your school. He would have two children to send, and his influence, being, as he is, a prominent teacher & conductor of Teachers' Institutes, would probably be worth a great deal. What do you think of it? Just tell us in your next. Mr. Hodge & myself are just about to start a subscription paper to buy the building in wh. the Baptists have worshipped, (they having decided to build a meeting-house this year) & fit it up in good style for a permanent school-room, — to be used for no other purpose. The Vestry Hall, you know, is used for singing schools, lectures, &c. which meetings greatly interfere with the quietness & order of a school-room. It is on this account we want another place. The building, if purchased, as above mentioned, will be placed on your father's land, back of the Vestry, & your father will doubtless be as large a proprietor in it as any body. Mr. Hodge & myself, are now engaged in visiting the people together — making what we call pastoral visits, short, & entirely spent in religious conversation. I find him a delightful man to labor with, and taking his testimony for truth, (wh. I do not in the least doubt,) the pleasure derived for co-operation in these labors of love, is mutual. Certainly we agree remarkably well, & it adds not a little to my pleasure to have him here as a colleague & co-laborer. Our people, too, of both denominations, seem to pull in very well with our movements, & I think the whole tendency is, to promote harmony. Two weeks ago, I exchanged with Mr. Hodge, & preached at the Baptist Hall. — Your mother mentioned in our last, the little Smith girl we now have in our family. We are quite pleased with her. She is very intelligent, — uses language very correctly, tinctured a very little with the Irish brogue, & seems to have rather a taste for study. It is our expectation to keep her. How do you like Weidenbach? — We have not seen the Lectures you mentioned. Can you send us some, if you please. You owe him an occasion to use corporeal powers in answer to your letter.

Yours, &c.

Father, T. M. F.

Dunbarton March 18. 1848

Dear sister Antoinette

I think I shall not be able to accept your invitation to run over and see you this spring, though I should like to very much and provided it were not more than fifty miles off I think I should visit you and go a hunting, and then I guess the bears, and bees, would make themselves scarce.

I have got a shop between the vestry, and Capt Kimball with all the tools and other materials for carrying on the shoemaking business, and since Mr. Hadley has closed I have been at work in it, I have made a pair of shoes for Father Margaret Henry Riders wife, and one myself, and a pair of coarse boots for myself, and mended a pair of shoes and boots for George, besides other custom work. Tomorrow is town meeting and I have got to tend store for Mr. Burnham.

I hope you will pardon me for not thanking you for that book that you sent me. I fairly forgot it until after it was sealed. But I suppose my thanks will be as acceptable as now as they would have been then. In love, H. M. Putnam

ing - that sister Lucy is very feeble. Since Jan - they have had hopes & fears alternately respecting her recovery. But now, Bro. her husband says there are some favorable symptoms, she has her regular fever fits, and I should not be surprised to hear that she had gone to her long home at any time. Your Aunt Martha is greatly distressed by the idea of a separation. But I hope we shall all be prepared for all our Heavenly Father has to lay upon us. He has been very merciful in so long sparing us to each other. And every morning & every evening I feel as tho. no one had so great reason to be grateful as I have. That I have health to make my family in some good measure

Mrs Bartlett Mar 14 Pd. 10

Miss Antoinette B. Blackwell,
Lockport, Niagara Co.
Upper State New York.

comfortable, and to comfort the heart of the stranger in a strange land is to me no small cause of gratitude to God.

Since some of this letter has been penned, the prospect of having the old red house changed, to a school house is blasted - probably nothing more will be done than to improve our present school-room which has appeared to me quite as well. Your father & Mr. Hodge thus far are on the most friendly & intimate terms. Hope it may ever be so. I think it much more for the honor of our Saviour, to fellowship & treat kindly all denominations of professing piety than to be hostile toward them. Will add to our own happiness.

Two weeks since your Uncle Rod wrote, that dister L was better, so she had been to the Doct. Our excellent Dr. Wilson has quite there is take charge of his family concerns. He left here one week this day. Should you come home, I think it not best to go to Albany. Then we should see you. Could you come to Manchester. I should think you might be at Manchester by Monday. Perhaps you could come at the same time or before. Perhaps he will be at Manchester by Monday. We were sorry to learn that the fever and ague had found you. We were in hopes you would keep clear of so relentless a foe as this has proved itself to be, to those whom it has got in its possession. Your grandmother who made look to live at the West, was obliged to return on account of this disease. My brother Manning, with whom she lived, continued his own residence at the West, but his constitution was broken up & destroyed by the fever & ague, and at forty, he had all the appearances of an old man, & might be mistaken for a man of sixty-five. Many people spend a good many years at the West, free from this tormentor. We strongly hoped you would be of the number. But it seems you are not; but that it is following you up with increased severity. You say you "hope with care to keep it away." You hoped the same last summer, but it seems the disease has returned with increased severity. We admire with your patience & good courage, & your spirit of perseverance in your labors. But I & your mother & myself, often talking the matter over, & conversing with a number of our & your friends on the subject, think, you better not stay & contend with so powerful an enemy, or expose yourself to its further attacks, that you better just & come home & take care of yourself in the way to have the the disease leave you. We received yours dated March 29, yesterday. We were sorry to learn that the fever and ague had found you. We were in hopes you would keep clear of so relentless a foe as this has proved itself to be, to those whom it has got in its possession. Your grandmother who made look to live at the West, was obliged to return on account of this disease. My brother Manning, with whom she lived, continued his own residence at the West, but his constitution was broken up & destroyed by the fever & ague, and at forty, he had all the appearances of an old man, & might be mistaken for a man of sixty-five. Many people spend a good many years at the West, free from this tormentor. We strongly hoped you would be of the number. But it seems you are not; but that it is following you up with increased severity. You say you "hope with care to keep it away." You hoped the same last summer, but it seems the disease has returned with increased severity. We admire with your patience & good courage, & your spirit of perseverance in your labors. But I & your mother & myself, often talking the matter over, & conversing with a number of our & your friends on the subject, think, you better not stay & contend with so powerful an enemy, or expose yourself to its further attacks, that you better just & come home & take care of yourself in the way to have the the disease leave you.

New England; and, as a wonderfully kind Providence has ordered it, our good Dea. Parker, is expecting to start on a trip to the West about the 25th of May coming, & will be happy to take charge of you, during your journey home. He is calculating to visit friends in Ohio, Michigan, & Wisconsin. He expects to visit the family of Rev. Thomas Gurney of Wisconsin, whose residence is Pike Grove, near Southport, about the 20th of June, & will meet you at Chicago, if you wish it, about the 22d. of June, & will be your protector home. Now our advice to you is, (& we have no misgivings or hesitation in giving this advice,) that you better avail yourself of this opportunity to return. But we do not wish our advice to go for law. If, after all, you think it your duty not to return with Dea. Parker, we do not wish you to violate your sense of duty; tho' our advice corresponds with the opinion of all our friends to whom we have had opportunity to mention the subject. We wish, however, to have you exercise your own judgment in the decision; yet we are so confident that we have advised to the best course, that we cannot but earnestly hope your judgment will correspond with ours.

Should this be the case, you are requested to write a line immediately to "Rev Thomas Gurney, Pike Grove, near Southport, Wisconsin," informing him of your decision, & requesting him to inform Dea. Parker, when he shall arrive, that he can ascertain in what family he can find you at Chicago, by making inquiry of Capt. John Williams, merchant. You will also write as soon as possible to us, letting us know your decision, in order that we may, if possible get your letter before

Dear Parker leaves home, & give him special directions about fetching you. It will also be necessary to drop a letter to Ex Gov. Slade, as Agent of the National Board of Popular Education, just stating to him, that in consequence of the state of your health, (the climate proving decidedly unfavorable,) your parents have desired your return, and that, in obedience to their wishes & the appearance of Providence you feel it a duty to relinquish a field of usefulness in which you were cordially & happily engaged, & in which you fondly hoped to have been permitted still longer to labor.

It will be well, if you return to sell your McLellan, if you cannot get more than 15 dollars for it, though it ought to fetch $25,00 which was its cost. Such instruments are considered worth much more at the West than here, on account of the trouble & expense of transport. You better also sell such of your School-books as you can readily replace on your return. — Some of them, Weld's Grammar, for instance, Spelling Book, &c. you better sell at half price, than give away, rather, than to be at much trouble to fetch them home.

Write to us in your letter how much money you have, & whether you shall want more to bring you home. If you have any Western money that you will not spend, you should change it into Eastern as soon as you can to advantage, because Western money will not pass current here, but would have to go at a good deal of discount. Perhaps your Parker could assist you about this, or else you can get it at Chicago. He may himself have some Eastern money which he would like to exchange for money that he may spend at the West. If you have more baggage than one is allowed to carry without extra charge, it is probable you will have less, & you can get him to take them as a part of yours. With abundance of love from your father, J. M. D.

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My very dear dear Nettie, Apl. 14

If after reading this you should decide to return with good dea. D. I think if convenient, you had better calculate to be at Chicago several days or a week - I think he will not be likely to be at C— before the 22 yet he might possibly be - My health is now poor - I took cold about 4 weeks since & my cough for two weeks was very severe - it is much less so now & I hope soon to have my usual health - Yet Dr. Storrs says my lungs are in a delicate state - I am able to be about in different room but do very little work. Little M. Jane has done most of the work with has been done for two weeks - She gets up early - makes the fire & gets breakfast almost alone. She has made bread (pretty much twice. Mrs Emerson washed once - I expect good Achsah to come & write some for your father - & clean house some for me. So we get along finely - This eve as I lay comfortable free from pain & feeling that I had every thing to be grateful for - I thought my dear A might be shivering under the influence of that enemy to health - Bad Our Maternal meeting was here this afternoon & old Mrs Dorland led in prayer - & most feelingly did she remember you.

Mother

April, 14. Dear Nettie. The more I reflect upon it, the more decided are my convictions that your better policy is to return. The state of your dear mother's health, I think, should have an influence in your decision. I have never known her cough to be so severe & long continued, as it has been of late, & she has no strength to labor. We hope this general prostration will not be lasting, but we know not how it will turn.

Dea. D. expects to return thro' New York city, & if you could come that way with him, or, if you feel in a hurry to get home as quick as you can, you can leave him at Albany & come to Boston in the cars. He will pass into New Jersey to visit his brother William Parker, & take Connecticut on his way home, passing, I suppose, thro' New-Haven. If your health shd. be comfortable, I advise you, by all means, to keep with him, as you will have a chance to see New York city, (to which Boston is but a child,) & also New-Haven & many other places with. you never have seen, & perhaps never will see, if you do not embrace this opportunity.

You must not blame yourself, even though you have no more attacks of the eyes this year, that it has left you, & that you can stay where you are with safety. It will, in my belief, if you remain, to come on with increased severity, later in the season. If you to be at Pekin, (Michigan) on your way home, call, if possible, on Mrs. Bradford, thank her, as also as her son Putnam, for the kindness they manifested in forwarding your box, & pay Putnam for his trouble & expence in getting it from New Eng. to you. ——— You wish to know every thing about your new sister, whom we now call Mary Jane, all your suggestions. Well, we cannot tell you every thing about her, but will just say, She is a fine looking girl, rosy cheeked, pleasant like (—— having remarkably bright, sparkling eyes, and a voice that is music itself - Sabbath like. She gives me most beautiful smiles on my return, when I have been out all the most always greeting me, before I get into the house, and having something to say, for my entertainment. Indeed that I think she is one of the finest, most affectionate children that ever I met with. & you will have her, & she will love you, as ardently as sisters ever loved, I have no doubt. —— I had almost forgotten to tell you that she has a very small nose. The nearness of the two nostrils, but not of the nose, I believe it answers every purpose. When She comes into the study to call me to my meals, she says "Mother, Dinner is ready" or "Mother, we have come to tea, Father" with an excellent grace. We think we have great reason to gratulate that God has committed to us such a child. ——— Your dear father, John M. Putnam.

Dunbarton, May 1, 1848.

Very dear Nellie -

It is now somewhat over two weeks since I wrote to you, advising you to come home, both on account of your own health & that of your dear mother. Since the writing of that letter, I have mentioned your case to many of our friends, & find it the unanimous opinion of all that it is best for you to return. Dr. C had however mentioned, after I told him how your grandmother & uncle Manning were afflicted with the same disease with which you have been attacked, that he should think there was something in the blood of our family which made them peculiarly liable to the fever & ague at the West. He advised your return; and his wife, who was present, advised it with great earnestness. When I mentioned to Dr. C. my brother's case, who, on account of the fever & ague, was made, apparently, an old man at forty, he said that that disease frequently brought on premature old age. ——— I spoke to you in my last, of your mother's state of health, as an additional reason for your return. It is now four or five weeks since she has been able to labor; so, has, I attended meeting on the Sabbath during that time but one half day. When we inquire, how she is, she speaks of her health as somewhat improving from day to day; and yet at the end of a week, she seems to be no better than she

was at its commencement. I think she has quite too much care of the family concerns, as we have none but occasional helps, except our dear little Margaret Jane, who does extraordinary well, for a child of her age. I do not know as it would be possible to get regular helps, unless your mother were actually confined to her bed. We should be very glad to have our friend Sarah N. here all the time; but she cannot leave more than two or three days at a time, on account of her mother & aunt. She has been here all she could be, since your mother's ill health. She is here today.

I think, my dear daughter, if there were no other reason for your return, except the state of your mother's health, that would be sufficient to justify such a course. But this, in addition to the attacks upon your own health, & you have experienced from the disease peculiar to the country where you reside, makes the path of duty, I think, quite plain.

I should not have written this letter, but should have waited till we had received one from you in answer to our last, were it not that I supposed it possible our last might, in some way fail. If you have received that letter, (which I hope is the case and this) then you have learned that Dea. Parker is to set out for this West, about a week before the close of the present month, I think the 25th; that is 4 weeks from that time he will meet you at Chicago, if you wish it, to be your protector on your way home; that he will ascertain on what family, he shall call

for you at Chicago by making inquiry of Capt. John Williams, with whom you are to leave word, (before the Deacon's arrival,) where you may be found by him. These, and various other particulars were mentioned in that letter, which I will not repeat in this, hoping & trusting that you have received it. But as it is possible you have not, I mention some of the things indispensable for you to know, in order to comply with the arrangement made with the Deacon concerning you. — I hope you will not be too anxious about your dear mother. We do not think her case is now specially alarming, or that she is in a fixed decline. On the other hand, we think she may recover; perhaps enjoy nearly as good health, or quite, as before. Her cough is not so bad as it was some weeks ago. It was then much worse than I have ever known it before, for so long a time together. —

But it is evident her recovery must be very gradual; and I think a good deal depends on her being free from labor & care. And this is a great reason why I feel desirous for your return, as well as for your own sake. Either of the two reasons, I consider sufficient for your turning your face towards home. I should like to hear you write immediately on your receiving this, & tell us all about your health, & every thing else. You think will interest us, unless you have very recently written in answer to our last. I will mention one thing more, deeming it possible that my last letter has failed, & that is, if you decided to come home with Dea. Cox Parker, you were to write to Mr. Thomas Jenney, like grocer near Southport, Wisconsin, informing him of your decision, and requesting him to communicate the same to Dea. P. on his arrival here in June next. I think I have given Mr. Jenny's Post Office address right, tho' I am not quite certain, as I have no minute of it now on paper. — Little Jenny sends you her love. She is a dear little thing, & does a great deal of work now for mother. John M. Fairman [illegible] Your affectionate [illegible] Your mother sends much love to you. Don't be anxious about her. She is, she is not almost [illegible]

Dunbarton N.H.
May 2 } Paid. 10

Miss Antoinette B. Putnam,
Lockport, Will co. Ill.
Yankee Settlement.

Thursday 22 May 1856

My very Dear Daughter

We returned from Epsom yesterday, & on our way home we called at Mrs Smart's & dined. Mrs. S & daughters enquired kindly after you & wished you to visit them & stay as long as you could. Three daughters at home, one married, she & her husband boarding there for the present. Very pleasant, well appearing young ladies. We came as far as Mrs Tenny's & stopped according to agreement, and took tea. Mrs Harris is there, said she should stay till she got her sewing done meaning what she could do for you. You wished you to visit her - regretted that you could not before you left. She appeared sad, I know not why. unless it is what frequently makes married women so. Mary was not at home, but Mr & Mrs T - appeared pleasant - little Mary followed her grandpa all about the field, & they seemed to have a strong & reciprocal attachment.

Your aunt Putnam wishes you to visit E - & stay a fortnight. We called on Mr Peabody & family - they had many enquiries to make about you, I hope to see you there. She has a little curly headed girl, about a year & half old. I shd think. Esq Merrill has sold his great mansion & thinks of purchasing either at Concord or Manchester. He is a poor rich man.

Mary has been a very good girl. She stayed with Mrs Colby while we were gone, (your father carried her to Concord a few days before we left & brot her back the same day) she was exceedingly glad to see us - she looked up in my face, & said, how good your face does look.

Thursday. I have just opened & read Miss Bickop's letter. You will be very glad to see it. Does her father live in N. York or N. Jersey? We will thank Our Father in heaven for her

good influence. & pray for her & all other teachers. I have prayed particularly that you might be able to govern well & that you might be greatly blest in teaching literature & good morals. The birds have already commenced preparing habitations in our little Spruces. One nest is one near the window in the kitchen, where I usually sit to mend. & one in the front yard. I have emptied the soap barrel & boiled those bones today & feel very comfortably - to think it is done. a g - and I have sown it. Your father has mailed Parsing Exercises for you. He is greatly disappointed that the printer has made such work with them. They are so badly executed, he & Mrs H. have concluded to give them mostly away. & not offer them in market. But they mean to persevere & print another edition.

29 The little spruce birds delight us. The trees have already imparted so much pleasure - that if they die, they will not have been here in vain. Let us try so to live as to confer pleasure on all with whom we associate.

26 - For your comfort I will say I think I grow a little more able to work - to read, & to think - tho. I have to let my moderation be known to some if not to all.

Frank to begin the 8th in the south dis. next Monday & Lizzie in the Mt Alexander dis. a week from that time. They have got discouraged in the White dis. & I believe have concluded to take up with that Johnson girl who kept there before - but perhaps she will do better now.

For a week past I have been thinking much of this verse - Luke 2, 14 "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men". Here is the substance of all true religion. If our souls are breathing this forth continually - we shall be happy - & shall we not do good? O that we could see sinners among us turning to God. But we have great reason to rejoice that they are turning in other places. There will be a need to serve God. Rev Mr. Kimball has come in town to preach tomorrow. Half the day for Mr P & half for Mr Cook, & spend a week in going about to call. I hope your father will be able to go. Have the ellisons he has corresponded with him & that good will be done. Yet I am Mother's

Clarke called on you

June 12 1849

Amherst

Dunbarton, June 12, 1849.

My very dear Nettie:—

Three weeks seems a very long time to wait for a letter from you, and we hoped you would anticipate your time & write sooner. We were very happy indeed to hear from you by way of Mr. Lodge, & to hear so good an account of you. He said he made particular inquiry respecting the character of your school, & learned that it was of a high order, & giving a very high degree of satisfaction to your employers. This I need not say, afforded exquisite joy to the hearts of your parents. Nothing do we more pleasure than to hear that our dear children are doing well their part in life, securing the respect & affection of their associates, & at the same time that they are rendering themselves blessings to society. Our earnest prayer is, that our dear daughter, may leave a strong impression for good, wherever she goes, & that the world may be made much better, for her having lived in it.

I have just received a letter from Mr. Russell concerning the Merrimack Normal Institute, which he proposes opening. The reason he did not answer it sooner, was because he was not at Merrimack & my letter was not forwarded. He says he has deferred the opening of his institute to the last Monday in August, so as to have the building & all requisite accommodations in full readiness.

Chelmsford, Mass

The public exercises will be on Tuesday August 28. Dr. Sears, the new secretary of the Mass. Board of Education & others, will be present on the occasion & give addresses. The school will embrace model classes of young pupils, & also of teachers, including such as design to teach common schools, & also those who are expecting to be employed in teaching Select Schools & Academies. Some of the students will be graduates of colleges, studying rhetoric & elocution for professional purposes. For adult classes, the exercises will be much the same as at teachers' institutes, with the additional advantage of model classes for exemplification & practice. The advantages for studying French, I think will be excellent. Mr. Russell's oldest daughter, who has attended Mr. Nicot's (a Frenchman, I suppose) school in Philadelphia for three years, will have charge of this department. Conversation, as well as oral & written instruction, will be embraced in her daily lessons. She will also have the charge of the department in music, to qualify herself for which, she has taken lessons in London, (Eng.) in Philadelphia & in Boston. The school will ordinarily be occupied with study in the morning, recitations in the forenoon & afternoon, and conversation in the evening.

The physical regimen will consist in ample attention to air & exercise, early hours, abstinence from tea & coffee, and from evening studies; and the adoption of a vegetable diet, consisting in due part of animal food.

religious privileges — regular attendance on Mr. Allen's Meetings on the Sabbath, daily devotions, occasional addresses, with the study of the Scriptures in Bible & Sunday school classes.

I have been thus particular, (tho' I have not mentioned near all the particulars stately Mr. Russell,) because I thought you might wish to give an account of the proposed school to Miss Webster, with a view to attending the fall term with her. I am, myself, very highly pleased with the plan of the school. It is just such a school as I should like to have you attend; and I think you better calculate, (Providence permitting,) to be on the ground at the opening of the first term. —

Mr. Russell made no statement of the expense but I go upon the presumption that the charges will be reasonable.

Certificates of attendance will be given at close of each term, with a specification of the studies & qualifications to teach in the branches in which they shall have passed an examination, with success, before the Board of Visitors. To whom have you written, since you have been at A—?

Dearest Nellie, Mr R's school we think will be just the thing for you, What do you think of it?

I have little or no information to give you now except that things go on much as usual. My health remains comfortable — think, should the weather be good tomorrow, of going to see Mrs T. Rider in the forenoon — & Miss Col. Baker in the P.M. Your father has taken the land, he owns back, except 20 feet on the North, which includes some of the oldest apple trees. Our Rad, beans, squashes, currant bushes, herbs, asparagus & all look well. White pickets on the wall from the Pantry and on this side the garden. Mrs Young is making her friends a visit of 2 weeks with here, with her baby. Mary Delia arrived safely to the place of her destination

Yours faithfully, health as usual — Parents & friends.

nation. Mr Adams & wife have asked a dismission from this Chh. & recommendation to Goffstown. It is to be acted upon next week at our Chh meeting. We wish you to tell us what means you take to preserve order in school, & tell us all the little particulars - which you know will interest us. Give our respects to the Clarke family. Did you keep sch. election day? There were 23 or 24 at our last sewing circle. they seemed very much interested. Mr. A. Parker came to me & said, Mrs Putnam I wish we could meet once a fortnight. Little H. Hammond said so do I. All repeated their verse on benevolence

Dunbarton June 12th 1849

Miss C. M. Putnam

Amherst

Mass

and it laid the foundation for very profitable remarks. Next they get each a scripture character. Jane says she will try and write you in our next letter, & she wished me to tell you the cat has 4 kittens - 2 were killed immediately. Abbie Emerson is to have one at a proper age. They are 11 days old. Trying to go alone, do not quite succeed. I have concluded to try to be a teacher in the Sabbath sch. Mr Whipple requests the Teachers to meet today half an hour before the prayer meeting commences. Hope they will to divine good. Your Affec. Mother.

July 12 1849

Amherst

Dunbarton, July 12, 1849.

Dear Nettie -

When I last wrote you, I mentioned that I that you better attend Mr. Russell's school. I supposed, then, that you could procure board in private families at $1.75 per week, and that not more than $1.00 per ~~term~~ week would be charged extra for the study of French. But since that, I have seen the published terms, wh. I have that $2.50 wd. be added for French and I learn also that board in private families wd. be $2,00 per week. The expenses, I think, are exorbitant, & unreasonably high; & I have come to the conclusion that it will not be best for you to attend. All your expenses wd. probably not come short of $30,00 for the short space of 10 weeks. It take a little too long to earn 30 dollars to get rid of it quite so quick. So your father & mother both think. Mr. Willy, who did expect to patronize the school, has given up the idea in consequence of the great expense. He has just been here, & came on purpose to see me on the subject, and to see whether you will consent to keep a Select School in Goffstown to commence about the 1st of Sept. next. He, an

Mr. Whittle, & Esq. Steele, are all engaged for it, provided you can be procured. I told Mr. Willey, I would write to you immediately, and I should advise you to engage for them. He said they did not expect a large number of scholars, but they calculated to fix the Tuition high enough on the scholars who did attend, to give you a fair compensation, & have it made sure to you. He wished to have you write immediately, whether you would come and at what price per week. I think you better write that you will come for $2,00 per week & board, provided that should the tuition of the Scholars at $3,00 a Team amount to enough to pay any more than this, you shall have the advantage of it. Or, if you choose you can fix the compensation at $2,25 without any reference to the amount of the tuition. The first way I think I should like quite as well. I think it will be an easy school to teach, easier than the one you are now teaching, as you will probably not have more than half the number of Scholars. I think the "Compositions Grammar" might be taught there, which would be quite an object. —

If you have written to Miss Webster, about going to Merrimack, you can write again, & state to her the reasons why your parents think you better not attend.

Very affectionately, your brother,

John M. Putnam

Very Dear Nettie,

If we follow the leadings of providence as we have done, we shall place you in Goffstown one term as a Teacher. It seemed by what Mr Willey said, that the young ladies who think of attending your School instead of going to M— or any where else, think you teach & govern about right; and if some boys eleven or 12 years old did attend, Mr W— said they would endeavor to govern them at home. I feel as though we might be greatly disappointed in the character of the school at M— as it seems to be designed for the children of the rich altogether. Still it may be as good as we at first thought. I hope it will not greatly disappoint Augusta - & now if you think best to go to M— I suppose your father would consent & in regard to teaching at G— I want you to consider what your health is &c all about it. And you know your father will be impatient if you do not conclude very quick, & write as quick as you conclude. You better write to us & we will inform Goffstown people what your conclusion is. Mr W— was married last week Sarah, of course will remain at home if you can be obtained. How is your hoarseness? Thy nose horse-radish root soaked in warm water & sweetened well with loaf sugar - Write when you will return home, & how. If you wish your father to meet you - If you do, he would choose to meet you at Goffstown or Concord rather than Manchester. We shall bid you welcome welcome. I feel very well - In haste Your aff Mother.

If you wish to have your father meet you say where, and at what day & hour.

All uncertain about having a ... Sch. here this Fall.

Mr. A. B. Ritter
Amherst
N. H.

July 26 1849

Amherst

Dunbarton, July 19, 1849.

Very Dear A.

Your last letter brot a request to me to attend your examination at the close of your school; a thing which I had no thought of doing, - but, to please Nellie, I have made up my mind, if health & other circumstances favor, to comply with your request. Should any thing happen to prevent my coming, & you do not hear fr me again, you may come to Mr. Atkinson's by stage on Wednesday, as you propose, & I will meet you there, at six, P. M. I suppose yr examination will be in the afternoon, and I shall calculate to start Tuesday morning, & call on Mr Hawthorn, on arriving at Amherst. If you wish to have me come right to your boarding house, without putting up at Mr. Hawthorn's, you can leave word at his house accordingly. You will bear in mind, tho I shall want accommodations for my horse as well as myself, & shall want to put up with one who has housekeeping.

As many examinations are spoilt, for the want of proper method & skill in conducting them, or run prolonging them to an unreasonable length, I have thot proper to make the following suggestions: —

1. Commence punctually at the time appointed, having given out word that your scholars, on otherwise, that you shall do so, without fail.

2. Fix on the length of time your examination shall last; say, perhaps two & a half hours. A long examination, is sure to go off heavily.

3. Having fixed on the whole time to be occupied, then divide off your exercises, reserving the most important & interesting for the closing part, writing down on a paper the number of minutes to be appropriated to each ~~part~~ exercise, or branch of study. When the number of minutes have expired, stop short, & proceed immediately to something else.

4. In every part of your examination, be thorough. Let it be distinctly seen, that you enter into the chief principles of the sciences, & that you do nothing superficially. Let your scholars not only relate rules, but give the reasons of these rules, & shew how they are derived. Thoroughness — thoroughness — let this be stamped on every thing you touch.

5. Let your questions, with the proper answers, be so fixed in your own mind, that you will generally need to make no use of your text book, except to hold them, closed, in your hand, and perhaps to refer to them occasionally, as you pass from one point to another. This gives a teacher an elevated standing before a class, & makes a deep impression upon the mind, of the audience of thoroughness & qualifications.

6. Train your scholars to answer quick, and with a loud & distinct tone of voice, — setting yourself the example of energy in your manner, by asking your questions in such rapid succession that not a moment of time shall be lost, by thinking what to say next; at the same time uttering your words in clear, emphatic, and animated tones. This will make everyone around you feel well.

7. Give variety & zest to your exercises, by interspersing them with some singing, & some with specimens of good reading, both in concert, and otherwise. Perhaps you will prefer confining your singing to the commencement & close of your exercises. Compositions I would come at, or near, the close.

The foregoing, dear Nettie, is such a kind of examination as I wish you to have. I want you to study these suggestions, over & over, & make them the model of your exhibition. Will you? I think you will. Fix on this model, & then go right forward, fearing nothing. I know that you can do it with success, for I remember the specimen you gave, of the most important part of this model in your examination at Groffs town, when you pleased your father much, with your thoroughness & animation at the time of your closing examination.

I would give the scholars a special charge before-hand to observe the best of order, telling them you shall keep a very watchful eye during the examination, & shall direct your attention to them, if disorderly. — Let them be made to feel that they have a character to sustain, & lay before them every proper motive to act well their part. Yours &c Father

John M. Peterson

Miss Antoinette B. Putnam,
Amherst, N. H.

Jan 18 1840
Amherst

Dunbarton Jan. 17th 1840

My dear Lucy;

You may be sure there are smiling faces here, when a letter arrives from Amherst. And when it is opened. there are two little brothers looking up, barking, smiling, & sometimes laughing, & saying "Ah! I am glad" or something like that.

This week I have had company almost every day, sometimes in the forenoon, sometimes afternoon & evening. yesterday this Bear came to remain with us till after the Sabbath. She has made many inquiries after you & was sorry you were not at home to stop with her. Besides attending to my company & common work, I have met with your dear father, made one visit, and one afternoon made five calls. So you see I must have been very busy. I also attended the S. S. Concert.

I designed to have written this letter by day-light but did not succeed in making even a beginning until H— and G— were warm in bed.

I should be pleased to have you make some pen-wipers if you can procure the materials there. We can obtain nothing but the frames here, & should have to pay more than they would be worth, for sending them to you. We suppose there are mechanicks near you, of whom you could easily purchase the frames. I am willing you should exercise your own taste in colours; tho. I think dark & light green with a very little black and red or orange, would look very well.

You did not mention, what use you wished to make of yarn— If I have a private opportunity to send it— I will send you some. I thought it must be you wished it for knitting-work. Please to mention in your next.

Your father & mother think you had better not

delay writing to your kind friend Miss Whipple any longer. Did you call on her before she left town to write you with you? If you did not I trust you will be able to recal to mind the good advice she gave you.

Have you no particulars - respecting sermons you have heard to send home? Put some of the new ideas you have gained since you left us from sermons, books or conversation, or walks, on paper & send them to us. Do you gain as a every day, my dear?

Henry is now reading the History of David. He appears more interested in it than any thing he has ever read before. He said "I must tell your David Kimball was his one kind friend. George has a little new sled; he delights to draw it on the snow, even these cold days.

Dr Stearns has concluded to remain here. We hope he will keep the Post-Office.

My washings are a little lighter than they were when you were at home - I often think Miss Lydia Clarke are a little harder. How does she succeed with this addition to her labor?

Our best respects to the obliging family & much love to you. We all wish to see you, & yet we do not wish you to return yet.

Your very affectionate mother
A. B. Putnam.

Here is a short letter from your friend Hannah which I told her I would copy.

My dearest friend,

As I have now a good opportunity I thought I would write you a few lines. I am well and hope these lines will find you enjoying the same blessing. All our folks are well. Susan and Elizabeth are well, and send their love to you. Write as soon as you can. We have had but one meeting since you went away.

yours loving friend
Hannah Kimball

Dunbarton N.H.
Jan'y 18.

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Miss Antoinette B. Putnam
Amherst

care of Hiss & Chandler

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Miss Antoinette Putnam.

Dec. 9th 1850.

Very Dear Nettie,

Quite a snow-storm Friday night & Saturday; well fastened down with sleet - so our people all came to meeting in sleighs I walked in the morning & Mr. Stone brought me home at night.

Dr. Merril & son came here Tuesday evening, dripping wet, as if they had been in the ocean; but in fine spirits - They brought a large waggon load of goods - staid with us - till Wednesday night, Capt Lionbatt invited them to pass the night there.. And Thursday eve. Mrs M. came. She was not wet but damp; it had rained some while she was on the way. They remained here till after breakfast Friday. then went to their own hired house - but Capt W - said They must spend Friday night with them. so they did - & the storm prevented them from leaving until this morning. Now they are housekeeping. — Dea. Alexander called to day & brought 10 lbs. of beef. Mary Abby & Mary D. G. called on me one day last week. Mary A. wanted your receipt for knitting gusset - but I supposed you had it with you.

10. We have received a letter from Mrs Farley, & also from Mrs Quincy. They were both faithful servants to us - but all their efforts &

enquiries did not find a good opening for you. tho. both expressed a desire that you might be so situated that they could become further acquainted with you. Mr. Munro is unwell & does little in his school. E. Farley was in Boston & heard one of Miss Bacon's lectures, had not seen her since she was under her instruction some years ago — but said Miss B was very glad to see her. Mrs. F. thought Mary might attend if she had another course. They thought her instructions very rich. But she delivers but 2 lectures, I think in a week. Your father thinks you are in the right place.

Hope you now begin to feel at home. I have done up a bundle. The carpet is a-die for you. and outside — when you have ripped out the sewing for George, if he wishes for it. Are you both warm, nights? If you need any thing more to make you comfortable — buy it if you can.

Agnes, is here looking at your music. Sends her love.

We sent the box to Manchester last Saturday. Hope it is now in New York.

Your father wishes you to write — how they study Analysis & Etymology — in their first whether they take it up in words, or sentences, or both. Tell as much about it as you can. Also, whether they have a public examination at the close of the term? And how it is conducted?

Now, my Dear A. & G, be sure to try to preserve your health - Do not try, it is walk to meeting when you are not able. I am going to send you some flag-root which Mrs Dr Morril says is good for you to take in tea a little beforehand - Get a little tin disk to make it in, if I do not send one.

Keep your hearts with all diligence, and often lift them up that God may aid you in all you do.

Your father has written George a long and very important letter. He must pray much before he makes the great decision. And let us pray for him. Much love to you both.

I thought you would like a dusting cloth - so I put a silk one in & some nails to hang your swing on &c.

Jane has been a very good girl to help me. No one but George came to be conversed with this eve. I did hope to see many. But we are undeserving worldly & wicked & for this very reason we ought to plead for mercy. Kimball Wilson was at the meeting this afternoon. I am as well as when you left.

When you receive any thing from A. Please convey the most important to us. Whether he is still in Mobile or has any business &c.

Ever affectionate Mother

I write in the eve but have no excuse to make

Jan 16 1867

Reeds Ferry

Jan. 15th 1867

My ever dear Nettie

Mr M. knows better now how to sympathise with you in the bereavement of a dear brother, than ever before, may we ever remember that we too must follow those who have gone before us, and may we never think of the departed without being made better.

Mr Whitney has taken tea since & Miss Hannah Colby & Esther Batty - stay'd all night, & Miss Emerson dined with us. Next saturday eve at 7 o'clock your father expects to be at Mr Thomas Wilson's to join Mr Jeremiah & Julia - but you must not tell the birds of this till after the hour is past. People will be as much surprised next Sabbath as they were Thanksgiving day. I cannot but expect Charles & Sarah Jane will follow on soon, tho. he has to keep school some weeks longer. Mrs Jameson is failing - I believe does not do anything - & sits up but a small part of the time

16 Last eve - Dr M & wife, Capt W. & H with mine & your father & mother visited at Mr Harris Riders. Every thing there seemed nice & pleasant yet the ONE thing - of more importance than every thing else - wanting - If you have not mentioned this marriage to Mr M. you may in your next. I had some conversation with Charles Rider on personal religion. He says, he thinks a great deal of

George may have half. Are you both well?

it." But he does not think so as to act decidedly He spake well of the young converts - said he was glad to hear that others had become christians. I think him a lovely young man - & do hope he will soon be among the disciples of Jesus.

Last Sabbath was a day long to be remembered here. We had a very full meeting. 6 by profession added to our church & of the same number of males and females that were removed from the Ch'd by death during the past year. Dr M-'s wife were also received by recommendation at the same time. Mr Chamberlain was baptized. Mr C's mother was a Cong. & professor, but died when he was a few days old. so he was left unbaptized. So these six were all children of the church & of the Sab. school. Your father preached from Acts 2, 33. in the forenoon. & in the afternoon lectured on the 21 chap. of Rev. 18th verse to the close. dwelt on the spaciousness - glory & splendor & purity of heaven. What St John saw was an emblem of that glorious heaven of heavens into which the righteous will all at length enter, to spend an eternity in adoring & praising God & the Lamb.

Yesterday P.M. the Choir met at the Victory Hall with Whitney with them - I suppose they had a great singing - Our singing led 2 or 3 instruments. There appears, now to be perfect harmony. I hope this will long continue.

Harriet Sargeant has obtained a hope for some 2 or 3 weeks - is to be married, 'tis said next week. will go to Concord to live. Capt W. thinks they will come here to be married - but this is uncertain. I do not know but I shall have a sewing Bee by & by. O I came near forgetting to tell you - the people are waiting for you & George to be at home at the Pastoral visit - We have told them we expect you by the

8th of Feb. Tell us in your next as exactly as you can, when you will be here. You see you are of some consequence but do not think too much of it. We should like to see T. S. M. very much - but if could see & learn more of him at some other time. I am afraid we shall never get much acquainted with him.

your affectionate Mother -

Send me
Sunday to Miss
Bulk.
Would be glad to
see her.

March 22 1851
Concord

Dunbarton March 22d 1851

My Dear Nettie,

It is my wish to have you take only half a course in painting colors; I think it will be better to paint more Landscapes than to paint faces. However, if you think differently, you can stay. and in case you should, you must let us know by Tuesday's mail, if you have no other opportunity to send. But if you think as I do then your father will go for you next Thursday Morning.

I am well as usual, Mrs Colby visited here yesterday. Martha & Sarah Stone are expected home this afternoon. M. will remain till S. is married. Mrs expected to know the appointed time for wedding when they got home. so I should not be surprised to have the invitation come to your father almost any time, too. I think it will not be sooner than two weeks.

I felt very bad, when Mrs French left here in the snow and I could not alter it. I hardly began conversation with her. Tell her next time she has an opportunity to come out. to come directly here, & we will see her at Mr B's when she has made us a little visit. She or Mary A.

If the weather, or anything else should be so as to prevent your father from going Thursday morn. then he will go as soon after as it is proper. Nettie I do wish much to see you. Call at Eng Kimball's if you can, & give much love to all my friends or whom you call. Love to Mrs A. French & Mary Ann.

Dr. H. has just had the Place knocked off into his hands, Medicine & all. Yours ever aff— Mother.

They leave (as soon) that the Colby family are not coming till next Thursday (I suppose) [illegible]

Dunbarton N.H.
March 22

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Miss. Antoinette B. Putnam.
Concord.
N.H.
(Care of Miss. Mary Ann Allison)

Week before last Tuesday Mr Lincoln, the Commissioner for Connecticut, came to the Mt. Holyoke Seminary & addressed the young ladies in the Chapel. Last week Tuesday Mr Lincoln addressed the young ladies in the Seminary Chapel. Yesterday he addressed the young ladies in the Seminary Chapel. Last night he addressed the young ladies in the Seminary Chapel. Mr Lincoln has taken tea here to-day, & Mr Lincoln took tea here last week on Monday. Mary Dickinson came & made me a visit of a day, & Mrs Lincoln came & made me a visit of an afternoon & evening. Mrs Anderson has called & spent an afternoon & evening with me. Mrs Lyman has called & spent an afternoon & evening with me. Mrs Lyman has called & spent an afternoon & evening with me. Mrs Lyman

why I am at home today. There was another severe storm last night & this morning - and my cough is very rather bad - but I do not know but I ought to have gone - Mr Colby's boy came with horse & sleigh & took your father & gone. Few of our people could get thro. the drifts, tho more than 20 were present.

Dear Nettie, This is New years eve, We had an invitation to visit at Mr Smith's - but it was so blustering & snow-flying that we did not go - I suppose as many were invited as could well be accommodated. We are expected to go tomorrow eve. A Mr Simons from Bro. came here last Saturday - remained till monday - would have Lectured on Mathematics Monday eve - had it not been for the drifting snow; he lectures also on Grammar - came here to get some aid from your pa. there as he was dissatisfied with all other Grammars - & had not seen Putnam's & Hodges till within a few days. This may do some good yet. can't you lecture it into Mr Russell? O how I should love to look in upon you & your roommate & George this eve. O how much of the past rushes into the mind - for which to be humble & grateful, - and in looking to the future - What have we to think of - duty - duty - duty - If this is done - we may leave all else in the hands of our Saviour - "The Lord our righteousness" Mary Datia expects to leave tomorrob. I shall leave an account of the last day of 1850 for your father to give.

Your own loving Mother

Sunbarton, Jan. 2, 1851.

Day before Yesterday, (the last day in the old year,) we witnessed one of the most beautiful sights, in the vestry, that could be witnessed here on earth. It was a company of youth, presenting themselves before the

I have done nothing to-day, & do not know as I can to-morrow. Do you think I had better come down? I am so full of cold that I cannot speak a word. I do but cough.

9 o'clock Friday eve. Perhaps by your eve I will have the letter of that time. d.M.

Ch. with the resolution to devote themselves to the service of the Lord, and desiring to enter into covenant with God's people, and enrol their names among the number of Christ's disciples. O how I did wish that you could have been here to join with them. But there will be an opportunity for you when you come home to spend the vacation. The Ch. have so altered the time of holding their communion seasons that there will be a communion season on the 1st. Sabbath in March, which will be the Sabbath preceding the commencement of our Spring term at Hopkinton. Mr. Chamberlain & wife, Julia Willson, Kimball Willson, Sylvester Willson, & Horace Caldwell are to be received on the 2d. Sabbath in January, which will be the first communion season in the year. At the second communion, which is to be the 1st. Sabbath in March, we hope to see several others coming forward, and among them our dear & only son George, who, we trust, has been adopted into God's holy family, and will wish to stand in covenant relation to God's people without delay.

Julia Kimball is engaged to be married to Geo. Chamberlain, & Sylvester Willson to Miss Lucy Caldwell. Horace Caldwell is engaged to Miss Fanny Kimball.

You speak, my dear son, of not having fully made up your mind in relation to entering the ministry. It is indeed a great question to decide; but from what you write, it appears evident to my mind that that is the work to which God has called you, should you like be spared. You mention that ever since you decided to be a Christian, your mind has been turned towards that subject. I think this is the teachery of the divine Spirit, and I hope you will cordially cherish that influence. I think the sooner you decide fully the better, & so shape all your movements to that end. There are two expressions in your last letter which make me think you cannot decide otherwise than to prepare for the ministry; one expression is, "that you shall certainly wish to pursue that course in which you can be most useful;" — the other is, that "you know of no course in which you could be more useful, or do more for Christ's cause, than in the ministry!" — From these two expressions, I am led to anticipate with confidence, the statement of a full decision on the subject in your next letter, & that you will fix your eye steadily on the sphere of usefulness which is occupied by an ambassador of Christ. Your father, J. M. Putnam

P.S. You must not be discouraged about your studies because your "memory" is poor. It will grow stronger by exercise. I hope you will make it a great object to become an accomplished speaker, and that you will go to Mr. Russel, & get all the aid you possibly can from him.

Please write to us before Mr. Dean sails for this country.

Give much love to Nattie, & tell her to write all the news from Union that she can. We feel an immense interest in her.

Dear Lettie: This is Sabbath eve. We & Mrs Ray & Mrs Allen Amesbury were at meeting today. We had a very good meeting. Mr R said, this my last Sabbath with you. Our next will be your own pastor. Our last is in the East & will not be with us for a season. Mr Peters is very sick. Mrs Peters is with her sister in Boston. Mrs Peters is very sick. Mrs Peters is very sick. Mrs Peters is very sick.

Your L. Howe, mailed May 14th reached Concord on the 26. We got home, in 11 days, but the last three have been longer on the way; but when they come they make us very glad. Three fat good mail days follow you; & I trust it will ever be so — What a comfort to be assured that all will work for good, & this will be the case with us, if we are the children of God by regeneration. Do we examine our hearts to find evidence of this? I do think I love the character of God as he has made himself known to us in his word & works — I love his cause — I love his people & this very imperfect, I love to do his will.

June 4th Much have I thought lately of the grace of humility — & desired that I might be made humble. God takes his own way to do this & I hope & believe he takes the most effectual way. If it only can be done — no matter how severe.

Wednesday, we, (all our family) went to Concord, To fulfil a promise your father made to Mrs Smart, we put up there — & received every desirable attention. We met there an old schoolmate of yours, Lettie, whose home is now in Lawrence. Ellery Ann Boardman. she said she was very intimate with you. She appeared very lovely. Miss Smart said she had for some time, had letters every few weeks. I think, over-all years. accept much love from them, also from Ann Kimball — Mrs Hadley — Mrs French & Mary A. Alison. Mrs O'Brien & Flanders, & Betsey Smart. Betsey is very unwell. Her mother thinks it doubtful whether she is ever well. She is engaged to M. A. Boardman's brother. We called to see Dr Prescott's Cabinet of Curiosities. Beasts, birds, one red bird from the West, we suppose a specimen of what you have described.

5th This is a most delightful Sabbath morn. Are you able to be at meeting?

Home June 6. 1853

Des Moines, June 21 1853

Monday Morn., June 6, 1853.

Dear Children:

Your dear mother has invited me to write a little on this page, which I am very happy to do, though I do now, and always do, find myself pressed with business. I have often wished that I could feel a little more at leisure, at least some of the time; yet, after all, it might not add any thing to my happiness. I rejoice very much in the kindness which our heavenly Father is manifesting towards you, & trust you will feel your obligations, in return, to consecrate to him your best affections, & the constant service of your lives." "I am very glad that Pa, in his Providence, is affording you so many opportunities of usefulness, & hope you will have a very rich experience in the "luxury of doing good."

I believe your mother has written you that George is now spending a little time at Martha's Vineyard, for relaxation, & with the hope of acquiring increased health & strength. In his last letter, he speaks of enjoying himself very much there. Our good friend Dr. Boutin very kindly offered to give him a letter of introduction there to an acquaintance of his, who is a pious young man of high standing in society, and, of course, able to render him very essential service. This letter has proved an unspeakable favor. The young man, George writes, received him with the utmost cor-

Nellie, & is doing every thing he can to make him happy, - by introducing him to good families, & to religious meetings, & helping him to form interesting & pleasant acquaintances. It is quite a new thing for George to be made a guest in this way, & to be making daily calls for social enjoyment among a people of whom he never before saw. Is it not just what he needs? He needs to cultivate his social powers, & this is a rare opportunity to do it. It is just that kind of education which he needs at this time while his social character is forming, & he is acquiring habits which will be very likely to adhere to him thro' life. Good conversational & social powers, I regard as one of the most important qualifications for a useful minister. It makes piety more lovely, as well as intellect shine brighter. I have written to George to make the most he can of his present privileges, & strive to get, and improve all the good in his power.

Denny sings, in connection with our family devotions, & quite finely. Since her instructions at Kennimark by Miss Anna Russell, she speaks her words very plain, & brings out her voice with a good deal of fullness & power. She plays on the seraphine when she sings, & when she does not happen to make some mistake, she gives us a big mix of haste in a manner quite inspiring, making us almost think our dear Nellie must be present. We always feel grateful to get a line from you both, when you write. Thanks to Jessie for writing so much in the last letter, & for her affectionate regards. I am truly

Yours &c.

John M. Stewart

When I commenced this Letter, I expected that Jennie would finish it but she thinks she must delay till next time. This Morning (Monday) after washing with Ida's help I went in to see Capt Kimball, who is sick with bil fever; for a few days very sick. Dr Little attends him; calls him better today. After staying there awhile I went to see Mrs Safford who is also sick, She lost her first babe prematurely & her second when six weeks old; & now they are disappointed again. She seems to be a feeble woman, but very energetic. Then I came home & prepared dinner. After your father & I had both rested we called on the Starks, saw only Mrs widow, & Mary, & Miss Charlotte. Harriet has been sick all winter, in Boston. She rode a short distance today, and was very tired when she returned - She was trying to rest when we called & Charlotte thought best not to speak to her - said she would be very sorry not to see us & wished us to call again. The two brothers, who have died since we lived here, I believe never were willing to see any one after they were confined to the house, and this may be the case with Harriet. I fear she will never go past from home again - the they talk as tho' they might go to the Springs, before long. How dreadful it seems to think of leaving this world, with no prospect of happiness in the world to come. Charlotte said Caleb had drank no spirit all winter - & said she, he is a real comfort to us.

Now Nettie, I am going to try to put in a few slices of dried apple - so you can taste of HOME. Perhaps you may sometime relish a spoonfull or two of apple water. Now don't laugh too much. I have a great bag full I could spare for you. I am reading a Memoir of a Miss Harriet Ware, a lady I once met in Providence R. I. She was a teacher among the poorest & vilest in it & did a great deal of good I mean God did good by her. Dea Burnham is better. It is to be hoped Lalegete to Hopkinton, tomorrow, with your father to order his stenger. L. Parker is at Hanover, with your father to order his stenger. L. Parker is at Hanover hill with his family I suppose have gone there. for one year: his family I suppose have gone there.

Good ever aff- Mother.

July 1852
Bangor

Dunbarton. July 13. 1852.

My Dear Sister.

As Mother thinks of sending a letter by the afternoon mail, I have now sit down to write you a few lines. I have enjoyed myself very well in your absence, yet tho lost to sight, to memory you are dear to me. I did not think of parting with you so soon when I came home; indeed I had hoped it would not be so; but so it was, and I now feel that it is all for the best.

We have indeed been separated from each other, perhaps, for the greater part of our lives, yet we have spent many happy hours together. The hope, that after the lapse of a short period we might again meet, and again spend pleasant hours in each others embrace, has buoyed up our spirits in former times. But now the separation seems greater and wider than ever before. Now we shall probably meet but seldomly, and then for a short time.

The Poet aptly discribes the feelings of my bosom in the following lines:

"How often is our path
Crossed by some being whose bright spirit sheds
A passing gladness over it — but whose course

Leads down another current – never more
To blend with ours: – yet, far within our souls,
Amidst the rushing of the busy world,
Dwells many a secret thought – which lingers still
Around that image."

Yes! tho' our course in life now leads down different currents, still ever shall remain within our bosoms, the secret memory of each other!

And now, Nettie, as I close, although we may share our joy and grief only in spirit, and not in presence, let us "so live that when our summons come &c. we may be prepared to meet in heaven, where we shall never separate.

Your brother

George.

P.S. Give my respects to brother Isaac.

My Dear Children

Your father was on his way to Manchester to exchange with Mr. Tanner, when your welcome letter arrived. I thought it best for me when you were about to leave our little cottage home, & though the week to be rather stoical, & succeeded very well, until hearing your letter (which) read; then the fountain was moved to overflowing: how could it be otherwise, when such favors [illegible] have so much reason for gratitude & praise to our Covenant God as we have – & of course, few have so much cause to trust in him & labor for him. May we ever be faithful in his service.

There are some advantages, I have thought in people's agreeing to become acquainted with each other, by writing which are superior to common social intercourse but still the ole adage remains pretty true "you never know people until you live with them" or as Mrs Abbot says until you summer them & winter them. So you may consider yourselves as just commencing the work. In writing, you may ascertain as much or more of the talents — mental cultivation & literary taste; — but 'tis only by family intercourse that you must become fully acquainted with the heart, disposition & fixed habits. And one of the Poets, I believe has something like this, — The happiest pair that ever lived, finds not only, something each day to love, but something to forgive, and it is an excellent exercise, my dear children, for such imperfect beings as we are, to forgive. Have you ever learned this? Ani (Nettie, you know I believe, that one of my rules, has been, not to love a friend the less - for discovering some new foible or even fault. Some have stared at this - but I think it a good rule.

The minutes are few which I can devote to you this morning; but your father wishes me to put in his love, & say, he was very happy to hear so good news from you - and, he has written out, for you, those "beautiful words he spoke just before" you "were married. for his part of the letter. So you will find a part from Pa.

Do you not need Nettie, your own bonnet? and one or two aprons? Well you can get something & make others.

Sabbath morning - Normaly Homer went to the Merrimack River in company with one Douglas to bathe - D. who could swim, plunged in to swim across the river - saying you cannot do this. - He soon heard D — speak & turning around but could see nothing of him. He immediately dove down several times, but could find nothing. He then alarmed the people — they collected & were searching all day on Sabbath & until half past 5 O'clock on Monday, when the poor bruised & broken body was found - wrapped in a sheet - placed in a box, & necessarily hurried to the house appointed for all. Our bell was rung about sunset - & when the family reached home with some friends from Concord, & neighbors; who ascertained what had been & what was to be - They had a prayer - and after we had retired, little past 10 the bell was tolled - & the interment took place. It is supposed he slipped accidentally from the bank. How many young men have their lives bathing this morn. I pray that it may be a sanctified affliction to the distressed family, & to all our youth.

Shall I not expect something from both of you in the next letter? We received it would please to the father more

Mother.

Love to all your new friends - and say to them, we should be happy to see them all. When shall we see you?

(over)

Do please you let us not hear from you now Monday - when you write.

H. Bailey is home from Lowell

Aug. 1852

Bangor Kenbarton 19 Aug - 1852

Ever Dear Nettie,

You will see by my trembling hand that I have been exercising this morning. Now I will tell you at once what I have done in addition to common labor. I have been to Elizabeth Burnham's wedding. So you see you three girls, who became so strongly attached to each other, in your school days at Gilmanton - all enter on wedded life, within the short space of three months. Mr & Mrs Hatch expect to leave here for Boston tomorrow & where they will go from there is uncertain but they will go somewhere in pursuit of health. They think now they may spend some time in Beverly where Mr H. can go out to the salt water - out - fishing &c but they may go a voyage. You will wish to know about the wedding. Eliza Father brothers, br. & wife & baby - Abram & his Lady - a Miss Phelps

from Middleton, Ms., Mr & Mrs Burnham & wife - Marianna & Bradford & baby - your father & I composed the company. They were married at half past seven - just such the time you were. The ceremony much the same - Mrs. passed a small plate of cake. I have a slice for Mr & Mrs Metcalf. & a card. Have you got any cards? You were married on Monday - C on Tuesday Emily on wednesday. Eliza received a letter from Em - a few days since - All I know of it is, she was well & happy, & had received a letter from you.

etc to tellin you 'every thing about every body" - I must be concise. Every body says - When will Antoinette be here? - I wish to see her & will call if I can know when.

We did feel a little sad after reading your last - especially as George had been disappointed in receiving instruction at Andover. and was very much reconciled to that - thinking he should be able to see you all the time you were here. But now he does not expect to see you, and we only expect to see you a very short time, & I think we do feel reconciled

to it, because we think you & Isaac will enjoy a great deal at Bangor & Brunswick & I hope you will both be much improved in body & mind. You have said nothing of health in your letters - so I infer that you are both gaining flesh & strength. Is Mr Gilman K. married yet? Leave word to have them visit us.

We visited at Mr W. Caldwell's yesterday - all wanted to see you - Mrs Brown told of the pleasure she enjoyed with you in the days of your childhood &c and had & sent a great deal of love to you. She was pleased that she had a glimpse of Mr H - at meeting.

Your father says he wishes to have you bring your pictures - when you return - both as one plate - if that will please you. Have you had anything done to your teeth?

Mr Hatch would be glad to meet your husband Tell Isaac - We will make him as comfortable as we can what time he can give us - tho. we can promise little but peace

and guidness. Love to all yours truly friend
Mother.

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Mr. Isaac J. Mebeadle,
Bangor,
Maine.

The rosebush has had several blossoms since you left & has two on it now. Five pinks & cactus. What do you wish done with the rosebush?

Dunbarton, Sept. 18-1852.

My very Dear Nettie,

Can it be that you and Isaac are now in Cincinnati? We hope you are, but it seems hardly possible to believe it. After you left Wednesday, I did not feel like doing anything - such a sense of loneliness came over me as I never experienced except when loved ones have been resigned to Him who gave them - & whose they were. However, in the afternoon, Jenny & I went to work & regulated the north room & bedroom - so they are as nice as ever. Thursday Mary Lydia & little Clara took tea here & spent part of the evening. She thinks she must leave Monday next. Mary Bailey called Friday soon after she reached home - appeared cheerful & well. Your letter seemed to be a rich treasure to her. Mrs Hutchinson called about an hour in the evening, & brot a generous dish of milk. In the P.M. Your father went to Dr. Page with Jenny to have that aching tooth out. The Dr. treated them very politely - shewed them his curiosities, &c & made no charge. Today Mr & Mrs. Winslow called with a basket of peaches. enquired particularly after you &c &c. A good letter from Geo. too. -

20 years old. The one meaning Uncle, is College with Harrington & Robert Mayo. Jenny sends love with mine next time.

Friday 24 yesterday. Mrs Heath & children took tea here. Today Your father is gone to Concord to a Free soil convention with old Mr Prescott. I do hope his conversation will be so ordered & blest as to do that old man good. Mr Burnham of Pembroke is dead & to be buried today.

The democrats in the west part of the town & the Starks principally I suppose have raised a what they call liberty Pole before Mr Rays house near 100 feet high & Esq. Hoirk gave the flag - cost 10.00.

The men of the same party in this part of the town I suppose thought they must do something as little greater. so today they expect to raise a pole front of your father's study, more than 100 feet high & a flag 20 feet long with the inscription "Pierce & King". Perhaps these poor men can do nothing better. How they will feel if Pierce should not be elected.

4 Oclock P.M. The flag of Stripes is flying & drums beating - and a gathering to the old town house to hear a speech from a young lawyer Marshal from Concord. They have fired cannon about 31 times, one for each state. I have heard the addresses - Alexander Made one to the ladies. From going & account it was weak and silly as you might expect. The cannons broke some of the windows at Mr Moores & did some injury in other respects - While my head was aching from the noise & firing, your came in with your letter from Cleaveland - which greatly cheered & refreshed me, let us be grateful

Friday - We have had a precious prayer meeting this afternoon - present. You & your husband were very

affection ate remembered. especially that you might be useful.

Saturday - Half peck of nice rare ripes from Widow Clifford. Your father went to Hooksett this P.M. & we have expecting Mr Foulton to preach tomorrow: Sab. I have been to church all day. It rained last night - and was damp & cloudy all the forenoon, but this afternoon cleared away very bright. How has the weather been with you? And have you safely arrived at your new home? I seem to see you & your beloved Isaac in Gonesboro, today, and to look at you - in your boarding house going to or from Church, or in your Sabbath School; I believe I have been called from every this to look at you.
service of the day; and my prayer has been that the best of Heaven's blessings may rest on our dear far away children. Several nights, the moon has looked beautifully bright & calm, at eight & from 8 to nine. Mr Edwards was here at meeting today - came to return with his family. Mrs Brown designs to go home with them & leave Agnes to keep house - The subjects of the sermons today - Regeneration - & atonement: not a very animated speaker, but plain - clear - good doctrine in such language as all might understand.

Tuesday Morn. Your father took cold going to Hooksett & rested not much either Sat. or Sab. night & is now quite unwell with catarrh & cough. I am about as usual. Mrs Parkinson called yesterday P.M.

All the cutting is for Isaac: I/4 Ann. We expect a visit from them & you write to Maine: give our respects & tell Aunt Betsy

In the eve. Hannah Colby called to see if I understood Mr T. to present the subject of regeneration exactly as your father had done. That is that both God & man were active in regeneration - & that man on account of his depravity or opposition to God's Law would not repent & turn from sin with out the influences of the Holy Spirit & that man must repent & turn voluntarily, under the influences of the Holy Spirit. &c I did think he had the very same idea your father had presented before.

Achsa said I must give her love to you & tell you she felt better than she did when you left. She had a letter from L. last week. All well & good. She does not know how soon she shall go there, but as soon as she can get ready. She has some quilting to do.

Your father sends a very great packet of love & would like to know what part of his salary Isaac received, for the time he was absent. Parents, I suppose, always love to know all about the interests of children, which they please to communicate. At least, you never need fear our being weary with hearing anything which at all interests you. Has Isaac got a horse? Where & how did you take your first meal in Gonerboro? Have you found any one who seems motherly or sisterly?

I had a letter from Sister Lucy last Saturday, saying sister Martha was very feeble indeed - tho a little more comfortable than she had been. Uncle Aaron Harrington, (the last but one of my Uncles) went to the woods with two small boys to load wood, & when partly done, he stepped on to the wheel to adjust it - the oxen started & somehow threw him so that the cart went over him & so injured him, that he lived

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This is my 60th birth day. Once I thought a neighbor very old at 40 - but I do not feel very old myself when 20 years beyond.

Today I have mailed a letter to your aunt Paine & we have received a good one from George. He writes that he has received one from Cousin Nancy Paine, & pledging, he says, "from what she wrote I hope she is a christian" Let us rejoice with her mother, altho. it must be with fear.

I have read part of Mr. Charles Sumner's speech today & hope to finish it sometime. This is noble - you & your good husband will read it together - How pleasant that will be. I feel thankful, yet, to him for reading aloud so much when here; perhaps if he were not [illegible] should never have known that he was a very great reader & that you had this great source of enjoyment.

6th Last Sabbath the Hoyts came home with me, and remained till Monday P.M. then went in to Capt. Kimball's & spent the night. Tuesday also H. also Sarah Baker & others called. Also Mr Weiland & Mary & with peaches & apples. Dea P. brought some nice sweet apples & Mr Hill, some grapes. — David Kimball wrote that Mr Charles H. Marshall & wife had a very boisterous time on the lake also that the cars going at the rate of 60 miles an hour over a [illegible] into the water, which saved great injury. No lives lost. I hope the time will come when men who have the care & Cars & steamers will regard the life & comfort of passengers.

I have taken in that dress with blue stripes in it, on the shoulders, & put on [illegible] and gemmy looks so neat as a pink in it. Good bye, Addie, & Grace too.

8th Yesterday your father went to see Eben. Page, who is very sick, with the same kind fever - his brother died with. I went to Mr Baker & Carrie Hall's. They told me I had lost you - I am sensible I have lost your society, your reading, your labor &c & yet I do not really consider you lost.

*Yours for ever & ever. I ought to say excellent - and your knees be as excellent. Well one more week & you will be married. I shall hear from you & Mr Foster - or if you are not married - I shall hear from you & Mr Foster - or if you are not married - I shall hear from you & Mr Foster - or if you are not married -

I called at Mr Mc's in the forenoon. In the afternoon I made a long call on Mrs John (or Father) Hinson. In the eve. I made another long call on Mrs Burnham. I slept well last night. Frank Stevens is at Mr Page's. Mr Dow at Mr Marshall's, at work. Dr John Colby & family at his father's. & Mr Doubleday & wife I suppose arrived there last eve, Next week the Dr expects to leave for N. Y. & Mr. D— for California This wife & little remain here, I cannot tell how long. Changes! Changes! Why do I write as tho. this were wonderful, when there is nothing more common.

9th A little disappointed that no letter arrived to day. Your father gone to Weare to preach in exchange with Mr Smith.— (By by the way, that was Mr Samuel Atkin we suppose, instead of Silas you mentioned in your letter from Cleveland.)

I have just been reading the 103 Ps. and the first 7 verses seem most appropriate to me. I have so much to be grateful for — so many temporal comforts — so many good things. My mouth is satisfied with good things. My life restored. My health is good. I hope my iniquities are forgiven, for Jesus' sake & I am crowned with loving kindness & tender mercy.

10th I have been to church all day, & remained at Sabbath Sch. because it has been a very wet day, tho. not very rainy. & now I am at home — well — & not much tired. Have been reading an account of the Convention of German & Norwegian Colporteurs in Milwaukie. In the C. Messenger. Do Colporteurs ever visit Southern Ills? I do feel that I am guilty of great sluggishness in the service of Christ. & that I may henceforth labor with all my might. — Now I have no one to go in with me in that little season for prayer — Saturday eve. I pray for Jane that she may soon love prayer. & I long to see evidence that her heart is regenerate.

Last week a collision took place between cars, at Mr Edith Bridge Annual Fair was held there, at which 6 persons are said to have been instantly killed, & a great number, some state 60 wounded. C. Loud call to be ready.

Oct. 14th We have just finished reading your first letter from Gorham. How glad it has made us! and I hope truly grateful. I do not see how you could have had a more pleasant journey, unless you have held back some uncomfortables — all was pleasant-delightful — charming, except those dirty — wild children but I hope you will do something to make them what

they should be. Tell us next time about your call on the Aristocrats. We feel very grateful to Isaac for all his favors to you. We trust each of you will do all that is possible for the comfort of the other. You will think I have nothing but my little self to give him, & he has evidence enough that that is given freely & fully!

Now, tell Isaac we probably estimate him higher than most parents would, for we know the worth of a son in the low; & ask him if he will please write us a little bit of a letter, on one of 3 or 4 pages, which would be equally as agreeable before he becomes greatly hurried. Let us know as soon as you can if you will move and what advantages will attend it. Well, you must learn to love anywhere & anyhow - & I suppose you can do this cheerfully if it be under an oak, & living on acorns" with the company you choose. We must all be looking forward to a more permanent home, and do all we can to make things pleasant as we pass along. How did you succeed in taking your meals without your husband? I told your father, I thought in such a case, I should take mine in my room - but he said no you would do well enough. I know you will enjoy the Melodeon very much. Wish I could hear it.

This week the Manchester Association of Ministers met here. The weather was fine & they had a very pleasant time - Mr Little desired to be remembered to you. Mr L. Parker dined & took tea with them the 1st day - now supplying at Boo. Carrin. Jenny & I succeeded in doing the work finely - We have an air-tight stove, with an oven in it, in the sitting room - it improves the looks, there - & is convenient. - We have had tomatoes every day, if not three times every day & there are a great many green now, on the vines, two. The vines are wintering - you must dry a few of those plums - which last so long - & sometime let us have a specimen of the fruit.

I forgot to say in the proper place that Mr Hal Lace preached at the ctss. on the Consistency of Christian Character. He shewed what it was to be consistent in general - then, in Christians - the nec-

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sity of it - To glorify God & make a salutary impression on the world &c. William Bird does not succeed yet in securing a wife, not because he is not acceptable to those to whom he has applied - but parents object — or some other obsticle lies in the way. I have not removed your things from the drawer in this room but shall soon. The basket & cards are in the drawer in the N. bedroom. I have given it choice darkest new comfortable. I will satisfy you about it.

Mother

Dunbarton Oct. 30th 1852

My Dearest Sister

Rain rain it has this whole long day and not the least bit of sunshine have we seen for almost two days. The day has been as sullen as it could; it has covered up its face with a vail of fog and looks as unpleasant as a little girl used to when she had the pleasant society of dear sister little thinking that she would soon lose it to not enjoy it again for how long she knew not. But I hope you will come back again soon and then I will try to treat you better than I ever have done before.

Elder Smith preached here to day raining as usual when father exchanges. He was quite interesting his text in the fore noon was in Matth 11th 18 and 19 verses; and in the afternoon it was in Gen. 23 chapter I have forgotten the verse. Elder Smith didnot come here until this morning so you see that mother and I were all alone one night but father has just come home. But not the more not how much this dear home needs you; your dear rose bush seems to say by every sickness to go to water it. And the seat at the table which you was wont to ascribe as more empty; and now one is beside with her dark sparkling eyes and pleasant smile; and then I miss a walk or make tongue go. I'm fret I miss you and in every thing I do but enough of this. Father is about as usual pursuing the same studies as when you were here. There is a Lyceum here it meets every Tuesday evening. But it didnot prosper very well so they have concluded to turn it into a reading school.

There is also a singing here kept by Mr. Twiss. I attend it I dont know how it will make out as it has not kept but two evening but I hope it will prosper.

but I commit write any more; please give my love to brother J. and tell him he must give you a kiss for me. Good bye. I remain your affectionate sister.

Jenny

16th Dear Nattie

I cannot stop to correct Jenny's letter or my own, for your father & I must go to Mrs Smiths to dine with col. johnson family etc etc Story. He Dr. & a friend of his from California. Good bye my dear children. Do not let God's great & tender mercies "lie in forgetfulness," & die without praise. Your father goes to Concord to preach tomorrow. & Mr Hardon comes here. Your dear father says he can't write any this time, but subscribes to what I have written & sends a double portion of love. Mother.

Mother, Dumb. Nov. 11/62

Du Quoin, Ill. Dec. 4, 1852. Dunbarton. Nov. 11th 2 o'clock. 1862.

My ever Dear Nettie,

This is our state Thanksgiving-day, Mr Leonard Parker is in town & has given us an excellent sermon, I wish I could convey it all to you. It is a fine day and we had I should think, an unusually large audience; enlarged by those who used to be of us but have gone out from us. Irelands - gannons - Talkers - Rider - Parker - Ellen Allison & so on. I came near omitting to name Dr & Mrs Peck, who came unexpectedly to cheer the dwelling of her father. They do not seem sad, yet I think memory will affectingly bring before them the melancholy scene of the last year's anniversary.

4 Oclock. Dr Peck & wife have just made us a call with Capt. W. The Dr. has made up his mind to leave Ill. & go to California. He designs to go the 1st of Jan. & Mrs P after being at her father's (her children with her) about 6 weeks, expects to go to N. Y. about 12 m. fr. from the city. To take charge of the domestic concerns of a family Boarding School. She is to furnish the parlor & her own & children's chamber, table furniture &c. make, with assistance, purchases of provisions, & provide her own help - which the Principal told her he wished to be sufficient - to perform all the work, so that she will have nothing to do but superintend. She can educate her son & daughter in whatever they wish to be educated - French - Music & other branches. The Principal (Mr Harrington) offered her 26,00 dollars as her compensation. She is to go the 1st of Sept. She will probably take a woman she has had some little time in her family, & Mary She is just adapted to fill this station with honor.

Why Dr Parker called Tuesday; Mrs Burtis & Boyd have both enquired about you. I will send flowers next time.

We three have taken our chicks, Bidding & pie,
Will neither br. or Sister or Children nigh.
Your father adds, heard a good sermon withall,
And, tho. a cold evening, have made a long call.
The call was at Mr Hutchinson's. Before loosing them
Sabbath we How good you are to write. We had
a long feast last eve, after receiving your double
stamped letter, Dated Oct 31. & a short one from George. This
your father has preached at Boscawen for Mr Parker & Mr. P. has preached here. The text this P. M.
was Isai 28.-10 For, precept upon precept &c. He in
substance said nothing great-good or bad was accomplished nor completed at once. Every thing commenced little, (he might have excepted the bodies of Adam & Eve) You must think over what he said be like by to-morrow. After commencing something was added, to strengthen or enlarge, each year
Month, day, hour - or minute. Here a little &
there a little. Oh How immensely great are little
things. Little words, & especially little moments.
Here he mentions the last words of Elizabeth. "Millions of treasures, for an inch of time.

Mr William Bird is to be ordained at Merrimack
a Missionary to Syria This chh. is invited to sit in
Council several returned missionaries are expected
to be there, Perhaps Mr Goodell. How I wish I cd go.
But, our Chh. have appointed a chh enquiring meeting,
to commence on Tuesday P. M. and continue afternoons
until all who will or can attend are examined.* The Chh. appeared unanimous in appointing this meeting, when
your father proposed it - and we do hope the result
will be good. Dea. Burnham's health is poor as at
last Com. he was just able to pass the elements. Only
two Deas present. It hardly seemed like home.

I feel anxious about that diarrhoea. Get some
Limewater, you know you can get a lump of lime & make
it, put some into scalded milk, use it for drink or

* Your father thinks it will not do. Feel sorry to go.

put it on bread - or crumb bread in that - see if that will not cure you. Perhaps I can send you a receipt. Tuesday 16th We have had a weeding here this forenoon. Rhoda is married. She was married in the same dress you were. She had on her silk, a piece of which, she will send you, lace collar white ribbon & hair plain. They were on their way to her new home. No one accompanied them. They looked very happy - will not go immediately to housekeeping - think of visiting considerably this winter. She thought she should write you before long.

Lizzy Hatch will write as soon as she can tell you where to direct to her. Perhaps you have learned that Dr Putnam & wife have left their beautiful new house, & gone to Bath, in this State. about 40 miles from her fathers. Parents cannot keep their children with them, however pleasant it may be. God evidently designs they should be separated. & no doubt for wise reasons. You will probably find a letter from your father & & the rest of us - waiting for you - on your arrival at Du Quoin. Ere this you may have shaken hands with it.

Did you design the cap you sent for me, or, Miss C- overson? What compensation did you have for making Mantilla's & caps? Or, were they free, gratis, for nothing?

Your cousin Lucy Brigham has gone to St. Charles Mass. with her Uncle's widow, Mrs Darby, of whom you may have heard something said. She is a very wealthy lady. Pious I suppose, & if you shd ever be able to go there, I presume you wd be treated very kindly. Lucy designs to engage in teaching, & if successful, will be likely to remain sometime. Mrs Durfee has visited at br. Davids the past season. & L. returned with her. George wrote that he expected his cousin Alfred Pond, next term - at Meriden. I hope they will be a benefit to each other. I am setting the little Misses to work to get new subscribers for the

Receipt (to cure) Diarrhoea
½ Oz. Laudanum
½ Dram. Tannin
½ Pint of lime water
Put the L & T into the lime water. Shake it well. & in 24 hours it will be fit for use. Perhaps one small table spoonful for one dose.

A. & Guardian, & money for the home. Perhaps, you can do something in this way - send your paper as an introduction.

Have'nt you needed mother to nurse you yet? I hope at Dr Lucas you will find good bread & pye. I wd like very much to send you some. Can't you make some for yourself? Beware to exercise enough for your health about some thing.

Have rode on horseback any yet?

Dr. John Colby & family have gone to housekeeping in New York City. Mrs Doubleday is with them to spend the winter. We have very cold weather but no snow to remain. Emerline Allison visited me last Monday. She has united with Mr. Clarke Bth in Manchester; but Mr C— is now gone & a Mr. Bartlet settled. Wednesday 17 — This afternoon we have attended the 2d Bth. inquiry meeting. Every one appears to feel more deeply — than for a long time — even Br. Prelow & Buntin appeared well — today tho yesterday Br. I spake in his unkind way of Mr Parker. What dear Br. who was there present. Bro A. Bailey & Sargeant were present both days. They were in a very bad state themselves being judges — & no doubt in a much worse state in the judgment of the world; & what must it be in the sight of a holy God? But, He knows the heart; & if their is one spark of grace, I do hope now is the time when it will be made manifest, by unfeigned penitence in these bro. Most who were present — especially, today — seemed to feel that it was "good to be" there. Bro. Burnham appeared remarkably well. He said — he had not laid his plans aright here to fore, he had not realized the importance of doing all for the glory of God — & had suffered himself to be buried in worldly cares — but since the appointment of these meetings he had been examining himself & found, his error as he thought, had been to God for grace to help — & had resolved to begin anew & hoped by God's grace he should make His glory first in all his plan...

Love to Mr. & Mrs. Hamlin & Mr & Mrs Ellis

Nov. 11, 1867.

Mr Isaac Bogart
Mr Sprague's
Children's Nurse
Madame's own
Maid
Mr Sprague's
Valet
Mr Sprague's
Coachman
Mr Sprague's
Gardener
Mr Sprague's
Groom
Mr Sprague's
Footman

Sabbath eve - 12. Your father preached on Christian love in the forenoon, & this afternoon. The words were "Whosoever liveth & believeth in me, shall never die" To answer the question, How are we to understand this? was the object of the sermon. Christians shall never die to happiness or holiness. Rec'd. 8th the subject affords great consolation to those who have buried Christian friends. 2d Those who believe in Jesus have nothing to fear. I have often felt greatly comforted by the words "Your life is hid with God, in Christ." We must drop this flesh - We must put off mortality - but shall not die. O glorious thought! Are we believers? 3d Remark. How wide it is for all to believe in Jesus.

Where do Messrs Bird & Wood preach the other half of the Sabbath? You have written of Mr Bird both as Presbyterian & Congregationalist. Which is he? He & his wife it seems have been trained in slave states. What are their views of Slavery? Perhaps you have not learned this. How many of the company - Thanksgiving eve. were not professors? pious? Are Mr & Mrs Hay professors? I begin to feel quite an interest in the people - in your Sabbath - Sch. Class. I should like to know their names. Will give my love to them & tell them I hope they will love to study the Bible, & will love God who gave it to them - & Jesus who died to save them. Why does Rev Mr Wood reside in Du Buque? I should think Du Buque will soon be having a minister all the time. I hope Isaac will soon have a Class of young men. How important that young men have firmly rooted within them the principles of the Gospel that they may exert a holy influence wherever they go. I believe you were at home when Franklin Stearns, Jr. to Rowland, spent a vacation at Mr Miller's & called here two or 3 times. He has been here again about two weeks. He is a very promising young man I shd think. He has a sister recently gone to Ill. Frank Stearns is teaching in the Stark District. Yesterday it was fair - today snowing fast again - but did not commence until Jenny had hung the clothes out & they were nearly dry enough to iron. - Jenny goes to Sch. every day; she is making some progress in Grammar & Arithmetic. She studies her Grammar lesson over first with me & then with her father - & they think her opinions of great consequence at school.

Polly Bailey has returned from Sch keeping. Perhaps she will tell you whether she has further engagements. Theo. Pitt 4th St. to Concert. I remember it at home, because there is no path thro. the snow. I do not forget you - your Sch. your Class &c. We see the names of your

[illegible] of the Sabbath Sch. in the Observer. We shall see a sermon for you today, I guess, [illegible] written [illegible]

Dec. 16. Dear Nettie, —

We are thinking that you have about as much reason to be "a happy child," as you expressed it in your last, as any one: — a good husband, good associates, good religious privileges, & a good opportunity to give exercise to your feelings of kindness & benevolence, by helping the poor & afflicted. It is rare that a young lady gets a husband that can take them over the quagmire, & sloughs, & "mud" of this world, as the children of Israel were taken over the red sea, dry shod. What a delightful palanquin you have to ride in, — the arms of Isaac! What mandarin of the Celestial Empire ever rode so beautifully, or in so finely constructed & costly a carriage! Well, I rejoice that you are so well provided for. May he on whose arm you lean, continue to have a strong arm, as well as an affectionate heart; and may you, on your part, be all that a wife can be, in ministering to his comfort, & adding to the amount of his genuine bliss. I think on the whole, you are remarkably well adapted to each other. Isaac has great strength, as well as a great heart to use it; & you are just the one to love to experience its benefits, & to enjoy the novelty of the manner in which it is sometimes put forth. His taking you over the fences, (as well as over the sloughs,) is quite a

We had a sermon for you today, from your father's text: "Is not this the carpenter's son?"

fine comment on the aptness of that conversation of thought, which flashed in the mind of the daughter of Dr. Romney, when she styled him "Ajax". That famous character as we learn from history was equal to the encountering of the mighty Hector, and was, Achilles excepted, the bravest of his countrymen. But after all, his strong arm was mortal. And so it is, my dear child, with the strong arm on which you lean for support. Remember this; & consider that none but an Almighty arm, can raise you to the skies, when the earth is sinking beneath you, & the heaven, & the earth, shall pass away. Let nothing draw away your affections from Him who is the great Fountain of all good, & the great Source of all true blessedness. May you, & your companion, live near to God while here below, & in the world to come be received to the embraces of his love.

I earnestly hope that the project of having a Sabbath School class of young men for Isaac will be carried into effect. — Write us, if it be so.

Very affectionately,

Dear Nettie I must write a few words & you father, P.M. Thomas
a sheet but cannot now, I will soon. My school class did [illegible]
storm on [illegible] things went well. I expect to remain at home [illegible]
[illegible] Brown Rawlings, My affairs with [illegible]
received a letter from him this week, he will be [illegible]
[illegible] Isaac will be carried into [illegible]
[illegible] I hope we shall both decide right. [illegible]
[illegible] he is in Paris and he has passed [illegible]
I must who is worthy of his affections, He is Miss [illegible]
daughter of this town. He is quite [illegible]
your interest in his happiness. I wish I could see you all
tell you all. Joan pleased to hear that you are happy
please excuse these lines full of love & [illegible]

Has Isaac gone to college?

Your father went in much love to see Mr Dove & Isaac & have must not expect him to write every time, as he has so much writing to do, but a word or two from him will be very thankfully received.

Mon. Nov. 10th

My Dear Nettie,

We have sent a letter to you & Isaac this afternoon, and on hearing your last letter we read, I find I ought to have answered two or three more questions. tho. I can tell you perhaps better about Mr Parker after seeing some of Dr. P's family. Mr Parker did not stay at Boscawen. You will recollect that about two years ago, we received a letter from Michael Denny signed by the Chaplain of the State Prison in Con. to which we replyed. Recently we received one from the present Chaplain of that Prison, giving information of his death & saying he thought he was a true penitent. This was written immediately after his death, before the funeral. I suppose the poor fellow thought we were the only friends he had in this wide world. What a warning to the young to keep out of bad company.

Mr. Hill is a little better to-day. Mrs. Hill is not very well. Mrs. Hutchins has a sick child. Mrs. Hutchins has been with Mrs. Hill a week or two. Mrs. Hutchins went home with her husband & came back to-day. Mrs. Hutchins has been sick abed a week or more. Mrs. Hutchins has company. Mrs. Hutchins has been home with her husband & went from home to-day. Well — Wednesday. I did not finish yesterday. Mr. Hill is not much better. Mrs. Hutchins child is very sick. Mrs. Hutchins has company

gan. to Mrs Colby & Charlotte. Holmes made a long call. I'll leave the subject of bible callers for Jane. Jan. 3d This is our great annual meeting of benevolent societies & concert of prayer for the conv. of the world. We had an excellent meeting) Mr. Burnham makes our meetings precious seasons; a society of such men, with the blessing of God with I believe they would always have, will soon make a new world about them. Mrs Parker was at meeting & her love to go to you. Your father & mother will like to know if you have purchased any thing yet with the money your new mother gave to you, & if you have, What? I have written a little letter to Nancy Delia.

6. An accident by the cars, near Lawrence, Gen Pierce's son killed; Eben Bailey's leg broken. May it lead him to believe there is a God in heaven, on whom he is dependent & to whom he is accountable. Sabbath & Sollock. This has been a solemn day here & in this vicinity. Yesterday about noon, news came that Eben B. was not likely to live. He was in Andover. His mother & brother left home immediately to see him, soon Mr Larkum Burnham & his wife were on their way. James Tate saw Eben Yesterday P.M. He could not speak, and did not know Mr Burnham & wife when they arrived. Mrs Pierce was so overcome by the death of her son, that it was difficult to ascertain how much she was injured. Most were hurt. We shall probably know more before I send this of this afflictive event. Many prayers have ascended this day that the dying might be washed & made clean in the blood of Jesus, and the afflicted, sanctified. Gen P. & family had been to Boston, to attend the funeral of Mr Abbot Lawrence, the father of the poor. He & his br. had recently given some thousands for the benefit of the poor, in the city. Mrs. Ireland. Brigham, Chamberlain & Susan Kimball, send love to you.

12. Mr Bird has succeeded in obtaining the promise of a wife a lady in Exeter. Mrs Parkes do not think of her name. Mr B. expects now to be married soon & be on his way to Syria. Is uncertain whether he calls here before he goes.

I do not like to mail this letter before receiving one from you, which we expected yesterday, but your father thinks it best not to cause you any anxiety, because our letters are delayed. Eben Bailey we suppose may be still living, but we are expecting every hour to hear that his spirit had passed away to that world "From whose bourne no traveller returns". Your ever affectionate Mother.

My Dearest Sister

I received your note with much pleasure and now take this opportunity to answer it. There have been two weddings here since I last wrote you. They were Mr C. Marshall, and Mr C. Hunnaball. They were both married in the meeting house last Sabbath evening. The house was very brilliantly lighted, but without, it was snowing and raining at a great rate. Father delivered an address on temperance which was very interesting. And when he was through a hymn was sung at the close of which, the parties entered the house. The ladies locked arms and came up the North Isle and ascended the platform at the same time the gentlemen came up the South Isle and met the ladies on the platform. The ladies did not have their bonnets on; they left their things in the entry where the table had been set for them. They placed themselves in front of the pulpit - facing the gallery. Mr. C. Marshall was married first. I never saw him look so well; he looked as finely as prince Albert. Each couple acted the part of bride's maid and groom's man to the other. Each man with his own wife, beautiful to look upon, locked arms and passed out the North Isle. It all went off very nice, with the exception of Mr. Marshall's hitting the door of one of the pews, which I suspect some rogue opened on purpose to make sport; which did not prove to be a very sad catastrophy. Mr Burnham Hammond called on me last Saturday evening and asked me to attend a choir meeting, and when it was through, he invited me to sit in the singing seats, which I did the next Sabbath. You asked me what I wore on my head this Winter? I wear an enormous sight of hair when in the house, and make the addition of a bonnet or hood when I go out. The bonnet is the same that I wore last Summer. I turned it, & it looks very well for me. Mr. H. sends his love to you. Love to brother Jo and a share for yourself. From Jennie.

menced Monday, as usual. The scholars went for a week or two, when it was decided, instead of having the sch. 1½ weeks & give the board. They rate take wood & board out of their money & then what the school-room has appointed a committee of three. The teacher her father & three of the district who had a right to be there, at Mr Putnam's you know he was the agent & the teacher refused to go to the fire. The committee after talking over the subject thought there was so much bad feeling on all sides they could do nothing better than to leave them to fight it out among themselves. School was kept on, sometimes with 2 or 3 & sometimes with one scholar, till she had kept the money out. I should think the general opinion to be that she is too lazy to keep school. Now you must draw forth sweet from this if you can. I think it shows us that a little knowledge of human nature, discretion, kind feeling &c will make us much more useful & happy than a smattering of Greek & Latin. But Susan is young, I hope she may learn & do better hereafter.

Your father says I must tell all the news. I do not exactly like to be a newsteller, especially such news as this, but, as it was in your all district, it was best to tell it.

Harriet's baby is named Edwin Gorman. The oldest rocking-chair I covered.

Your aff— mother A. B. C.

Jan. 26.

Dear A.— I appreciate your invitation to write something in every letter that comes from the post-office. But you must not think I fail in love or interest for you, sh. you fail to honor & our father's hand-writing on every sheet that is dispatched from this home of yours & ours. For besides, having more writing to do for the benefit of my people, than I have health to accomplish, I feel as if I must write considerable to George, being as he is exactly at the age, & in the situation, to require a great deal of counsel & instruction, without having any one to give it where he is. I feel as if necessity was laid upon me to do all in my power in the formation of his character, & giving a right direction to his principles, habits & tastes, at this critical period of his life; and I have just finished a letter to him, which it took me more than half as long to read over to your mother, as it does to preach one of my ordinary sermons. This, however, contains some extra freight of my ordinary sermons. This, however, contains some extra freight of ideas, for his special benefit in elocution.

I rejoice to learn the g. minister is a genuine abolitionist. Please give him my respects, & present him with the Sermon. Sh. I forward (in connection with the "Independent Democrat," and Northern Indicator,") an "Civil Govern ment & its Limitations."

Remember me very affectionately to your husband. I very much rejoice to learn that he is taking so prominent part in the Lebanon school. It will be a fine field of usefulness for him.

Affectionately, I am better

John M. Putnam.

1853.

This afternoon mother & annie have been to the funeral of Eben. Bailey that form so healthful & handsome ten days ago, now lies in its dark narrow house, no more to be seen among the living. Will not this warning be regarded by young men, and others among the people? Can it be that such things shall pass before us & no good results follow, while it seems as tho. many were crying "come Holy Spirit come, sanctify this & like providences, to this people, particularly to the near relatives of the deceased? Jane knows her father promised himself many years since that he would never enter our meeting house. I am looking forward to tomorrow, with hope that he may break that promise. That wicked promise was not broken. None of the family at meeting except Daniel; Anna a very blustering day I did not go to meeting, and I think Mrs Bailey & her daughter could not feel very able to come. It made Jane feel very badly for he had hoped to see them out & to have a request for prayers, and you know what a damper such disappointments are to him. He hardly felt in the forenoon as tho he could preach.

They have had a plenty of trouble in what was Jane's school house, this winter. Mr Pettey hired Frank Holmes, & his children & himself and all, except the families belonging to our church, became very much offended with her. I think there is a reason for having for I do not know as our people there had any better motive in sustaining her than to go against Mr Pettey. When she had taught 4 or 5 weeks, Mr Pettey carried her home & offered to pay her for the time she had kept, requested her not to return, she did not give him a definite answer - but her father & then the next day [illegible] came to [illegible] last week & took Mr Pettey & Charles Miles of the dispute, came & told them his views & they, both teachers, told him she might go on. She came

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Dear Ellie, while your father has gone to the meeting house to deliver a short Jan. address & then wind up with the ordinance of two couple. I stay at home, as the weather is severe. Jenny, I suppose will wish to give you a description of the evening, so I will leave it.

Your letter of the 2d Dec. arrived yesterday, 25 days on the way. We were glad enough to see it for we feared it was entirely lost. Now, Ellie, why should you be unwilling to tell us of the cause of your harried ~~was~~ & Please tell me your emotions while in the water, & how you felt when entirely out. & whether it was necessary to do any thing more for you to restore comfortable feeling, than to rub up & put on dry clothes. We are often as important lessons by little, common accidents, & sometimes, as the ludicrous ones, & this may impress the sentiment, that there is but a step between us & death, more deeply than before. How kindly our heavenly Father orders circumstances. That help should be near sufficient to deliver you so soon from what otherwise might have forever closed your eyes to the light of this world. We thank Isaac for writing as much as he did. Mrs Hunting Ira Cano, Brigham & others enquired after you today. Mr G. Bailey did not come out today, first Mrs B. Jan. & Mrs Burnham were. & prayers were requested, in behalf of parents & children.

Wednesday, this forenoon, we called on the new Mrs Marshall. She is not handsome, but looks healthy & intelligent. She had on when married, a silk much the color of yours. Sarah Jane's was of a bluish cast, both dresses were spun in the house. I do not tell you what was invented, only it was white. Mrs Jane's room remains much as she was last summer. Ben says he does not know what they shall do, perhaps, he says "we shall get some one to wash, iron & bake - & then get along as we can." I have thought Julia might go in, as we have but one family, but I do not know. Mrs Williams (known) died yesterday. Almost every body has a severe cold. The winter has been mild, scarcely four hours, at one time, real cold. It was so cold this morning as to commence freezing in our kitchen cupboards, but since we returned from Mr Marshalls, it has grown cold very fast. Your father went to look at the thermometer, a few days since, and it went down on to the ice below, and will never tell us any more about the weather. Isaac, I thank you very much for all you wrote, every word. I am sorry Ellie, as you call her, has grown so stubborn, as to use that naughty word, "can't" I hope she does not use it on some more occasions.

Home Feb. 10. 1853

Du Quoin Feb. 24, 53

Dearest Nellie

Soon after we had mailed our [illegible] left [illegible] with many you might see, I know, in the certificates of Publishment, handed to you [illegible] last Saturday eve, by those who were married on Sab' bath. were [illegible] two three dollar bills. Capt H. you know always asks the question, What did they give you? Five dollars, I suppose, each. His opinion was not correct as.

We called on Mrs C. Kimball last evening. They have a beautiful house. O that it may be a house of prayer & rejoicing. Just [illegible] the furniture, & he & Hannah, put down carpets, & made every thing ready. One sofa - both front rooms carpeted, alike, I believe. The Capt. & his wife are left entirely alone, when Hannah is away. & this will probably be most of the time. Mr O. Bailey calls his little son George William. His wife I believe, named it William & he put on the George. I expect he will test our Jr - it is for him; but many cannot be in this case his object. How much you do visit and what splendid suppers I do not know do I have taken supper from home, but twice, since you left here. Mrs Wates, & Mrs Colby's. If we did send you a barrel of apples as easy as a letter - you wd have them soon. You make paragraphs for I have done as you have & for the same reason, yet I do not approve of it! Our letters wd make a great Volume, & will it not be better to write them sufficiently correct for publication? Do you think there are many families, who aid in making a market for rags, employment for paper mak ers by doing as much as we do? Good night, my children.

Mon day Bl. Bullock. All alone, Jane gathered come to visit the sick & sick. I have done all of a small washing, clothes nearly dry, tho all cloudy. Have been resting & reading an hour or two. Is it not a good time to talk to you?

News from Mr Charles H. Marshall & wife, that they have a little [illegible] more, named William Fleming for her father. He made his debut, on the about the last of Dec. They are also favored with a revival of religion. Feb 2. The common vocabulary of work. Have cut out some collars for Jenny to sew, when she is home, & will be in his weeks.

I have finished those black socks, you commenced, & am going to cut some soles for Jenny to sew on to them, for herself. & take her old ones. After I have read in Barnes on the Bible a little, I shall mend stockings. & put some soles on my socks. Last night it rained, this forenoon, warm & foggy. Raining in the house, & very few nights or days we have frozen hard, this winter. & now the third month of Feb is fast flying away, & short, tho it be, we'll hear many to an unchanging home of blessedness & rest.

By the last mail, I had a letter from Mrs Dr Colby, Salem. She said she was very sorry not to have seen you with your husband, before you left N.E. She thought you promised to visit her, but concluded you did not quite promise, & did not blame you. She is worn out with care & hard labor, & want of rest. She was hoping to go to Danvers & board awhile, to rest & get recruited. What is the advantage of being rich? Let us try to rid ourselves of mean selfishness, it never looked so bad to me as it does now. Have you read any of Mrs Fee's Essays on Slavery? She makes selfishness look very black.

This is Saturday. Jennie & I have been washing, baking, & cleaning because neh does not keep since, which I have been at on my back, on the sofa, coughing awhile, & then resting - looking over the Oratory & Writings of Henry Clay. I was sorry to learn by his own "Memoirs" that he is irreligious; I had rather be right, than be President. They say he is reasonable, & I hope he is.

We have just received & read a letter from Orange, which displays some talent in the use of Figures of speech. I think he is really improving very fast, mentally. Tho. his progress may be slow in Latin & Greek. Supper time, Good bye.

6th It has been warm, foggy & raining for most of the part week, & today the same; yet our people were at meeting from all parts of the town. In the forenoon, your father preached a sermon preparatory to taking a collection for the Bible Soc. This P.M. his text was "Watch. Division, What? How? Why? Under the 1st Our external deportment - 2nd Our words, here he spoke of slander & its effects 3rd Our hearts." Under the 2 head, With attention, Constantly - & with prayer to God for help. Under the third. Because it was commanded - I thought it good preaching, very good; & hope to be made better by it. I never felt the need of watching, as I have, since the death of my last Uncle. Some writer, I believe compares the world to a large bridge, filled with people, coming on one side & dropping off the other. Often do I think of the row forward of me, who have all dropped, & many of them, I doubt not, rose as they fell, if not in a chariot of fire, like Elijah, to a holy, happy heaven. I am now in the row on the edge, & according to age, among my relatives, one, only, to be called before me. May I be found watching, with my lamp trimmed & burning when the Lord shall call.

9th Last eve Mr & Mrs Colby & Miss Eliz. Rogers called here, enquired after you, & gave us an invitation to visit there this P.M. & evening. Your father & Capt Kimball are gone to Hopkinton, on a council. They have some trouble in the Chh. The latter gave no particulars. I have swept & washed the study & taken possession.

Your letter & Isaac's & the cap crown all came safely yesterday, for which you have many thanks. We could see the ladies around the round table, but could not discern the complexion, color of the eyes, or hair in but one single case. The little one, running round the room, was quite visible. Sally kind regards to them all; & to Lizzie for all the kind things she does for you. Is Isaac entirely well? Why do you not as ant coming? Does your throat trouble you any? Have you

has any chills? I am afraid your husband has too much to do. Of what denomination are the teachers, I do not know as our contributions will benefit the chh. in Southwick unless they can exchange for Congregationalisms. Will they be likely to do this?

The ground is mostly bare now & then, a spot of snow & ice to be seen. Yesterday morn the trees were completely covered with ice. They looked splendidly. If I were Prof. Hitchcock, or Mrs Stowe, I'd give you a fine description of the scene; but as I am not, I'll ask you to look out the study window at our great maple, and you will see, in addition to the limbs being transparently plated, it hanging pretty full of balls about as large as cherries, as brilliant as you can imagine. Do you see it?

Mrs Lime Perkins, Mr Caldwell's mother is dead. Her remains are to be brot here today for interment. Mr Hugh gunn told me yesterday, they had a fine little daughter a few days old. I believe answers to your question, in the last, were on the way to Ill. before your letter reached us.

10th Your father & Capt K. have just returned from St. about 11 o'clock A.M. They have settled the business as comfortably as could be expected. Mrs Kimball and I went to Mr Colby's with all the neighbors north of his, except Mr Rowell & wife & Mr Morse & wife, who were prevented from going by company, as far up as Mr Charles Simons. We had a pleasant interview, & I left about half past eight.

Fanny Simson, who has been sick most of the winter, has so far recovered as to walk abroad. She called here this morning. Made kind enquiries after you & her. I do not know how many have when you write - give my love.

Mrs Raymond has been at meeting but once since the 4th Sunday, I think, when she presented "Barnes on the Bible". Her health has not been very good, but Mary was very well. She always speaks of you & Mr. when we have an opportunity to see her. In our last interview, before Capt Stimson was prevented the call, I always liked Mr Metcalf, he was a man of no pretensions and I liked him the better for that!!

Mariann Parker is expected to return next spring. The meanness of some men has been brot out, and placed in the light, by Officers being empowered on them, but I think the office of Ch. Superintendent will not have this tendency as much as many others. If it should, however, I trust it will be brot out, to be destroyed. You know if the office holder finds it out first, he may trample it down before others discover it.

Your father thinks I am writing too much, & I believe he is correct - I presume Isaac will think the same, if what I write is not of more consequence. But I have endeavored to answer your desire in this to know every little thing. I think on this point you will

be quite satisfied. This is not thus badly, but my eyes are still defective, & my pen does not always make a mark when I design it should. To make up deficiency in the weight of this - I put it a little fine like.

Mather.

Dunbarton N.H.
Feb. 10

Mrs Isaac A. Hetzell,
St Louis, Henry Co.
Ill.

Mother, Dunbarton, Dec 24/63
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Ever Dear Nellie,

Can I tell you that Mrs W. Brown has gone the way of all the earth? She passed away about the 4th week in
I have just attended our evening family devotions. Frank has played Evanville, & sung it with the Hymn, commencing, "Come Thou fount of every blessing" I strike in a line, sometimes I sing a sometimes a line, and your father occasionally does the same. so you may know we have good singing still. Frank has real improved in singing & playing very much this winter. She can play 12 tunes. I think she has made good progress in Grammar The Geography of the heavens Miss. H. gone through the and Arithmetic. Still I think she knows very little how to make any practical use of it. For retaining historical facts I never saw her equall. She has also recited in Geography, without studying.

When I am mourning that so few of the children of the Chh. come, or are prepared to come to our "Solemn feasts" I often enquire, Why, my own dear ones were made to hear the Saviours voice, & enter the fold of peace & safety. Why? Father - "Because they will, have & ordained it should be so." "Not unto us, not unto us, but to thy name be all the glory. What are we poor, sinful - sinful servants, what are we that such mercy should be granted to us. What shall we render, &. "Here am I. Do with me as seemeth good in thy sight. All I am & all I have, is Thine, I use all for thy glory.

Sab. morn. 13. Your father & gunny gone to the house of God, & my heart is gone with them, but it is snowing & blowing so it was thought best for me to remain at home, as Mr Wells is unable yet, to be out, & I have no body to help me there. I am in the study; and how many, whose spirits are above, seem looking on me & saying, Come up hither. I feel the need of a continued process of sanctification, to fit me to depart - and I rejoice that my heavenly Father knows into what purpose I must be cast for this purpose, & will put me into it.

I have just commenced reading Bliss on the Apocalypse sent to your father by Mr Colby, Salem.

Mon. day 14 Have you been washing? I have, but cannot put clothes out, for Mar. 14 the snows have been, & is falling about, furious. to this hour. We 2 o'clock have not had snow enough this season to make any high drifts, & now I suppose it will not be necessary to break out the roads. altho. we have storms without. I am all alone quite & pleasant in the sitting room. Been reading the 20 & 21 Chap's of 2 Chron. This acc. the 20 iv. 5 Then the 91 Ps. That effectin prayer that sublime picture of the Hosts.

that I might see you Grace a little while, I brot you from the parlor to my room, I looked at you a long time but not a word was utter'd - I kissed you both, but oh how cold! then I thought cold faces might well indicate warm hearts as cold hands: I take it for granted that yours are warm in all other. Last evening Mr. with children Rowell, Capt H. & Elizabeth, Capt Kimball & wife visited Mr Lewis. Thursday we five had company Capt Shinon Lewis Wilson & others, & Mrs Watts made one of the party. Mr Thomas Wilson has been sick about all winter, is that to be a little better has had fever & liver complaint. Mr Hills continues poorly. Dea Brown & wife called here Thursday. She looked well & happy. said they had a pastoral visit in Jan. We miss her very much here.

Today I have run the breadths for Jenny a new dress. Received a letter from Geo. telling us how pleasantly he spent vacation I will tell Grace, but, presume he will wish to do it himself.

Monday 21. A very beautiful day. Your father & Jenny gone to Concord. Jenny will have her dress fitted there. & I told her she might get a calico & have that fitted, too, if there was time. you may have a pattern of each. Sew is done & I expect to get a little sewing done. I have done ironing & the clothes are about dry. I am so well - it almost frightens me - It seems to me I never had more flesh, since I was 21. Have not you last flesh? How is your back, throat, and eyes? Is Grace well? Mrs Chamberlain has once or twice attended our meeting with her husband. Mr Wiath. Allen has sold his farm & will probably leave this town in April.

24. I find what I have written is very obscure & blundering. I think I should not dare send it to any other person.

Your father has so much writing to do, he thinks he cannot at present write you. He has a good deal of advice to give George, especially in elocution. He thinks you now have another to lean on, to guide & direct you, so that he can with more propriety cease that part of a father's duty, which you know he used to perform very faithfully. When you feel as tho. he did not write enough, now, think of what he has done in days past & gone. & think too, that when you do have a letter from him, it will be worth reading.

Now, we are all small warning, suddenly, Jenny going to go to Allen's next to school.

The term commenced this week, & Wednesday morning, it was determined she should go. Your father has been quite anxious for some time that she should go somewhere, where she could receive good instruction in & dwelling in Harvill Manle - & the Russel family are now at it & are expected to be there, only this term. At first your father thought of having Ellen Russel instructed her only in music & reading - but has concluded to have her enter the school & Ellen & Cordelia Burnham will give her special instruction in the branches desired. So today Jennie is busily & putting together things to carry with her; by taking my clothes for her we can get her all ready. & think I shall get some of the Burnham children to do errands & run about some for me - & as father says he shall get in wood make fires &c &c.

We have not finished her dresses, quite, & there is much to keep us busy that Jennie must defer writing until she is at Mansfield.

We have rec'd & read in print & in part (all that pertains to rail-roads) Gov. Governor's Inaugural Message, We think it a very able & interesting document, and one which does honor to the Governor of your good state. We are much obliged to you for sending it.

Leroy's mother is very feeble, I believe Dr. Carr thinks she has a lung fever - Frank Stearns is there now. Mrs Dow at Manchester to her husband's mother's. I do not know whether he is in any business or not

Much love to Isaac & Hattie & Ike for Lyman

yours ever affe. Mother.

Emma

The Letter was received Saturday from Lafayette - Ind. We were glad to hear from you & of your safe arrival & to learn that you had a pleasant journey. We expect to hear of your safe arrival at Mansfield

Dunbarton N. H.
Feb 24

Mrs. Isaac A. Metcalf,
Du Quoin, Perry Co.
Ill.

Home Mother

March 11. 1853

Dear Lions Ellis.

March 11.

My Dear Children,

You seem to me nearer & dearer than ever before. Yesterday, with grateful hearts we received yours, mailed, Feb. 22. Isaac was away at St. Louis, & hope he has safely returned with all you desired. For what did he go there? If you please to tell. Sabbath eve. 13th Mrs French was at meeting with Mrs Bingham. She desired me to give a great deal of love to you all. Also, Mrs gave Jenny. When you wrote of Mr Crosby, I have thought very much of him, hope ere this he has found Christ "precious". But I have feared he might be looking too much to himself. He will never find anything in himself to rest upon. Indeed it is a much better way to know ourselves - than any other, to look to Jesus. Study his Character. He is the Way. He is light - He is life - He is Truth. Let him look to Him for all he desires, only believe. The bible does not tell us how much we must feel - it says, only believe - if ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, - It is a little leaven that is to leaven the whole lump. Does he not feel that he is a sinner, - so great a sinner that he cannot save himself? Christ stands ready to save, He can save the Chief of sinners, - & He can save a small sinner as well, if there are any such. In his first birth, tell him - he was not born a man - he was a babe - weak & helpless - leaning upon another - he was fed - exercised - was nourished & has grown to manhood - So he must be content to be now, - a babe. He must lean upon the Lord, praying. "Hold thou me up & I shall be safe" he must eat the Word! - The sweet Word of God, for exercise, he must obey all its commands. Comfort will come - not by seeking directly for it - but, by keeping the Commands. Oh! I hope he will not be afraid to trust God, but at once enter his vineyard - and work, God will

be sure to give him his reward.
19th This week we have received a letter from Mrs Cummings, Chelsea, Mr. C— died last dec. trusting in the merits of Jesus for salvation. Mrs Palmer had a pair of daughters born also in Dec. Mrs Cummings says "they are beautiful children." C. E. Carter, Mrs C's niece, who has for many years, made Mrs C her home, was married more than a year ago - to a Mr. John Hadaway. They occupy Mrs C house, & she boards with them.
March 22
I have already written on the two last pages - & in such a manner that one might think your knowledge much less than it really is, but as you professed ignorance & wished for information - I have done, or tried to do the best I could - You know it does one no hurt to be put in mind of what they before knew -
I expect capt Mc Farlin here to sup with us this P.M. Love from Mrs - Smith & others

Your father exchanged your watch for a pair of dessert spoons price £2, 10 — the most he could possibly get for it, by going to several pawnbrokers stores - The spoons await your order

Much Love to you both
From father & mother. Your affe Mother.

Ed will answer for night
dresses if you do not find it convenient to get some
Love to Cath. & Mrs Hine.

This is the shoulder to be hemmed or hemstitched & faggoted together, or set some insertion on.

1st Dearest Nellie, I am going to write on this page just as the spirit moves me. You will see by my writing and I talking to you I have no object. It is my way to do so to you. I have no object in view. It is my way to do so to you. I have no object in view. It is my way to do so to you. I have no object in view.

3 You can cut just a strip & have the skirt whole, - or seems each side - I should avoid seams & hems, wherever it is equally convenient, in every thing which is to go next the child, & when you make them - have them flat & soft. This piece is usually left in, & made to turn over

The Waists - sometimes hemmed plain, - sometimes hem-stitched, or edgeing round it - as one chooses. / insertion round the crown & in at the top, where it is now sewed together. People seldom sew or make caps now - but it is well to have one or two.

Belly-bands - you must have, they can be made of old linen, Lauble, or soft flannel, single about 7 nails long. Or three what is still better if you have white woollen yarn - tolerably fine & soft. knit them like the top of a large stocking with a tongue to pin down to the diaper - if too large at first, they can be doubled over behind - knit this tongue like a heel an inch & a wide. tongue is equally useful on the linen & flannel. These bands two or three - then skirts linen or cotton will answer then three or 4 flannel skirts - near 3 quarters long, with waists of cotton linen or flannel. the width of your long gingham & a half yd or more long. Then dresses of white or whatever you please - half dozen or more, as you please. They make them long waisted now - about 2 inches under the arms - gather skirt & waist into a narrow belt & sew a tape into the belt to draw as small as you wish - some make skirt & waist all together draw it with a tape. Then little bibs or tires made as you please - I like to have per gotten flannel under blankets - about more than half yd long & wide, gathered a little behind & waist just like the petticoat. Dozs. or 2 dozs squares diapers or old sheets, will do to make them, or old shirts - Oh! some night-gowns too, cut them all whole - sleeves to all dresses, as you like. Now Nellie, I believe I have told you all about

shoulder

4 This page you will see is the pattern of a little shirt. You can make 3 or 4 just this size - and others an inch or two wider & longer in proportion. I make a mark for the length of sleeves which can be put in straight or gathered as you please - from 1 to 2 inches long. I am going to send you those little pieces to sew on the shoulder, to button over the sleeve in this or the next letter - also a cap which is too small for common use - but it is a pretty pattern & too good I thought you might enlarge it by putting on

page up to stay

preparing for the little one. It is a solemn work. but no matter how quick you get all done. young women are often confined sooner than they expect - tis well to be ready. For yourself I suppose you have what is necessary - of flannel caps &c &c. do you fold your own sheets. - a fold over are much better to use on such an occasion - but you must use what you have, I suppose - Prepare a great many cloths out of what old shirts & such things you have - they will be needed. If you do not own a washtub - I think you had better get one - & when the time comes - & you find you are going to be sick - put it under your bed - ready for use - that is to put dirty things in - tis well too to fill a pin-cushion & lay it in your drawer - with scissors & a half yd of narrow tape, or if you have none - a twisted string. You cannot have your mother personally with you, but you may have those who will do equally well for you. But we must trust in God, He has promised it to be with those who trust in Him - & He is a very present help - I have found this true, many times - & I trust you will - Is Dr Wall a good physician? You must try to secure the most experienced & best nurse, that is to be had - Much is depending on the nurse. every thing to be used about mother & Child for weeks should be perfectly dried by a fire - 'Tis all best to put a child to the breast immediately - & be careful that you are not costive - if dried whortleberries can be obtained they are excellent to be put in porridge, or any way you can soften them to eat or drink the liquor, to prevent the necessity of taking cathartics. What is the state of your bowels now?

Another thing very important to prevent you from suffering from sore nipples - is to wash the nipples & round them with something to toughen the skin - Beef brine, & brandy with alum in it, are the best things - but if neither can be had, put alum in strong tea & use that twice or more a day, from this time onward keep a piece of alum in a cup & pour the liquid to it as you need. These things perhaps you have known before but you may look upon them with more interest, now.

Now, my dearest daughter, do not be afraid to ask me any thing you wish to - & if Mrs H does not return, can you not converse freely with your Dr - or Dr's wife? I hope Mrs H - will soon be at home. You have been sensible of motions, have you not for some time. some make their calculations from the commencement of motion - counting that half way. Good bye, Your ever loving Mother

March 9, 1853. Dunbarton
Father & mother
Du Luth, March 26, 1863

Dear Children:

Your dear mother has invited me to write a little, and as we had a very wonderful "March meeting" yesterday, I will write about that. You will be curious to know in what respect it was "wonderful." Well, for the first time since my residence in this town, we had a whig moderator. It was Col. Hammond. We also, for the first time since my residence in town, have a full board of whig Selectmen; viz. Charles Rider, Capt. Charles Stinson, & Col. Hammond. We have also a whig town Treasurer, (Capt. Stinson,) and a strong temperance man for representative, John Kay. — You will like to know how all this was effected, seeing the democrats are a decided majority over both whigs & freesoilers. The case was, so many of the democrats wanted offices, that it was impossible for them to be accommodated, & they could not agree on whom to bestow them. Taking advantage of their disagreement, the whigs had every thing in their own way. One thing pleased us much. Thos. Alexander, a young law student greatly puffed up with self-consequence, having been chosen moderator of the town meeting in this place last year, had no more doubt of being chosen this year, than he had of his own existence. He had even told, the day before the meeting, how

he should manage matters, in the discharge of the duties of the chair. Last year, when he was chosen, he delivered quite a speech, after the fashion of Congress. But it was understood that he had come prepared this year, with a much more splendid speech than he had last, and doubtless had he been elected, we should have had specimens of sublimity, & gems of rhetoric, equal to those dealt out in the Dunbarton Lyceum by a young gentleman from Weare, who declared that men of such sentiments as were held by his opponent, "deserved to be burnt at the stake, between the heaven and the earth," — without telling us what the stake, in those aerial regions would be fastened to, or upon what the faggots, which should send up their devouring flames, would find a resting place. However, we did not get the speech, altho' several remarks, that rather than have it lost, they wld. be glad to go out doors, & let him stand on the door-stone, & deliver it, — notwithstanding the failure of his election.

In the course of the meeting, the Report of the superintending School Committee was circulated among the voters, — one of which I forward you herewith. Yours truly,

John M. Putnam

Col Hamond has been sick about two weeks with a severe attack of rheumatism, and we thank the Lord & with a good reason, are glad to say, is at present writing, on the mend. Mr. Stark has been sick all winter, in Boston.

Miss Mary Bailey has just been in to say, I may tell you Nettie that she has recently had a visit from Mr H— & they are on friendly terms but no decission if they are ever married. It will be with in a year, but all is uncertain. If he wishes to be re leased — he wishes too. I should think to throw the report

The Report of the School Committee is heartily condemned by all. I do not blame you for not wishing to take the pen.

Saturday, your father's birth day, we received yours dated Feb. 8th We scarcely felt quite invigorated; but I was too tired to commence an answer that eve. tho. I desired to; had been finishing, packing, & preparing every thing for Jane to leave & go to Mrs. ... ack this morning. only ice occasionally over the ground so your father concluded to take the Chaise, & did not know but he shd just gone in the Cars, at Gallstown or Manchester, & did not know but he shd leave his horse at N. & himself go with her to the end of her journey. Just as they left I saw a few flakes of snow fall, & in about an hour it snowed very fast & has continued to ever since. Poor man! He will have a hard time getting back. A driving storm from the East. 12 O'clock. Washing done, & I am well. Read awhile & now am going to hem some silk handkerchiefs. Jenny has been good to thread my needles, - but now, nobody.

A letter from br. Elmer last week, says, "I saw by a paper that br. David's eldest son had buried his wife." I do not know whether you ever saw her, or her husband, David Samuel Brigham but she was one of the most beautiful women I ever saw - & I expect she was a christian, tho. her husband is not. May this great affliction bring him to Christ, in faith & love. It will be a very great trial to the whole family. but I hope it may be for their good - and quicken all concerned in making all necessary preparation for their own approaching change - for, there is no discharge in this war.

Anna Brigham is married to Charles A. Harrington, their great-grandfathers were brothers. They live in the Village near Jeanette (Mrs. Howe) Other things much as usual among our friends in W.

This is a great day for our country. Mr. Pierce has now all the responsibilities of President of the United States of America resting upon him. Many more prayers were probably offered that he might realise the sacredness of his office, than will have been, had he not met with that severe affliction The loss of his only son. God is able to make him a Christian - & a blessing in this station. May it be so. The bell is now tolling for the death of Mr. W. Whipples first born son. The little one is soon to be laid be-

the side of his beloved mother. Whom the Lord love he chastens. No doubt this affliction will bring him nea er to God- Young Stuart came to inform us & request your father to attend the funeral - I wrote in that bible and gave it to him to carry to his little brother. as a present from you.

Yesterday we received a very neat pretty letter from Jennie. She will write you soon I suppose. Sat. I received a good, very good letter from G. & another from Jennie Sabbath eve. My only desire for Jennie is that she may return home a christian. Pray for her particularly. How is Mr Crosby? I hope he has entered the fold of the true Shepherd, & will draw many after him. The past week has been mostly stormy, but this has been a lovely sun-shiny day, pretty good sleighing & we had a full meeting. Our communion - but our sister Raymond was not there. - Old Mrs Brown was as bright & happy as the day. She enquired many things about you & said she thought much of you. - Mrs Brigham did the same & remarked "tell them always love your children". Mrs Ireland 1st & 2d & Susan Kimball enquired very lovingly. - also. Susan's mother has been sick most of the winter - is gaining a little but still keeps her room.

This is March meeting-day; but no lady has come to visit me, had an agent here to dine, yesterday, a baptist, & put up his horse. He called about to get something to benefit the Jews - obtained something of all except Mr Cook.

Frank Stearns called to see me yesterday. She expects to go to Clintonville next week to teach on counterpoint - to be gone a year. Mr Dow & wife board with his mother - he has work in a machine shop. Alfred Bond is at Merriden & likes very much - he wrote to me last week. said he "mother & Lucy do their work this winter!"

Mr Maryann Burnham called - wished her love to go to you. Mr Rice closed his school very honorably. She was quite remarkable for good government it is said - Clancy Stinson went to visit it and afterwards remarked to Capt H - that she could see herself as in a looking glass - that caught - that is said they want her in the same district in the summer. Charles Kimball is agent for his Sis. He thinks of having his wife teach.

Would not rice be a good article of food, when troubled with bowel complaints - If you are not well of this I have thought it might be well for you to take a little rhubarb occasionally. This is strengthening to the bowels.

Home Apr 5, 1853.
Dubuque Ills Apr 23.

Very Dear Children,

The letter, mailed at M. St— we received last Thursday & today (Saturday) is came another, How Glad it makes us, & all pretty well. Thank for your cautions to mother, she is very careful, & has succeed very well thus far. Tho. Tuesday after work ing as much as usual. Capt W— came in & said his family would visit us after the Ch. meeting: Mother thought she wd not stay from prayer meet ing on account of company — so she went & enjoy ed too much. Capt. W— invited Dea. Burnham & wife & Capt. H & wife (you remember these are the men who to visit us to meet here for prayer Tuesday eve.) They all came & we had the meeting in the parlor in connection with the visit. So mother enjoyed so much had to enjoy it most of the night; but has slept finely since.

A letter from br. Otis informs us that he & wife had been a journey to Cohasset, Randolph — Bridge-water & other places, found all friends well & returned safely — The Sabbath after (18th) many were reported sick — Mrs Davenport — young Uncle Jay's father — & my cousin Barnum Blake's wife, were dead. Mrs Blake after washing, had com pany in afternoon, and while at tea complained of a strange feeling in her elbows — soon in her stom ach — & exclaimed — I am dying, & immediately expired. In the midst of life — we are in death.

April 1. Last Wednesday Mrs Rich & her children left D— for West Chester — 12 miles from the City Hall N.Y. city. Dr has some business wh prevents his going to California, as he expect ed. Mr Doubleday has sent letters to his wife & friends, tell ing them of his safe arrival in Cal. Dr Story also went there across the Isthmus. Many who went in company with him, died on their way. One was Mr Newton, who was in Dunbarton some time last Summer.

Did you find Lord or leave our Nelson in your sch Destrict. Yes — We are not able to find it.

Miss Emerson took tea with us yesterday. said I must give her love to you & tell you she thought a great deal about you. Sarah Wolcott has been in this P. M. enquired about you. I have been baking & preparing for Sabbath. as we not to get tired to morrow.

Mrs Rogger's baby grows finely; is quite pretty.

2. Mr W. Bird & wife sailed for Syria on the 14th of March. Married a few weeks previous.

Yesterday morning the ground here was covered with snow but all melted away before night. Today is still fair beautiful. I am expecting good Mr W. Clark. He has purchased the Old Atkins house, & he & wife, & a widowed daughter, live in one part & his good mother & his excellent sisters in the other. Lhas a school of 5 or 6 misses in her parlor. Mr C. says they are very happy. After Sabbath - perhaps I can tell you more about them. We have been favored with a letter from George - good. & he inclosed one from Nancy Paine, dated in March. She writes like a christian - yet I have not learned any thing from any other source respecting a change in her. The mail also brought us a letter from br. Aaron Putnam's wife. They & their children seem, now, to be all well, and comfortably employed. William has buried his eldest child & they feel greatly affected. He was a fine little boy. I hope it may do them much good. They have a daughter - not much more than one week old.

George is considered as engaged to keep our school next winter. In the letter we have just received, he says, I am certainly pleased with the idea of spending one more winter at home, providence permitting. I hope I shall be well qualified in every respect to teach a "school of the first order." This shall be my aim"

Sabbath 9. We have heard Mr Clark, with great pleasure to day & I do hope the hearts of many will be opened wide to give of what the Lord has given them - to spread the gospel & with it every thing good - education &c &c

Mr C. says Lydia needs more assistance in getting about, and walking than formerly. She easily falls - has fallen several times, & injured her thigh not materially. How thankful we ought to be for the free use of our limbs.

I have thought about a high sch. with you, or "Miss Paine's school" as Jones good husband calls it, but I have not time to get to collect.

so this P— acquate to take charge of such a sch. as is desired. On what foundation is it to stand? If money is contributed. Who will be responsible for the proper use of it? Your father does not encourage one to do any thing about it now — Still I may feel the future of some individuals: If you have a sch. it will be desirable, will it not — to have Cadets as well as missionaries? But 15 dollars were contributed here for Western Churches. It was so little, I felt ashamed to mention it: but, perhaps it was as much in proportion to their means, as was given in Boston to Boston. Your father with his small salary must make some effort — & I hope to aid in it; to educate George. If he were not our son — it might be considered quite benevolent: but we hope & pray that he may be prepared to do as much good as tho' he were the son of a foreign missionary: or a poor farmer.

Monday 4th Mrs C— wished the respects of himself — mother & sisters — to you — said they were very happy. Sarah Willey I believe is not yet able to do any thing. A one week yesterday Mr Willey preached his last sermon as the minister of J— John Parker told Capt W— of this — He seemed to be very sorry. & thought — the Chh had done wrong.

O the despotism — the horrid tyranny — not only of Europe but free America. — And what shall we say of Illinois? Oh! execrable! abominable! awful! We had just read the Gov.'s Message. & thought him a man, & were looking for better things. How can "the Tyrant's plea" excuse such "devilish deeds"? We trust that Slavery will not stand long. We have seen that one has spoken out against it, & presume thousands are ready

Little Things

Little drops of water,
Little grains of sand,
Make the mighty ocean,
And the beauteous land.

And the little moments,
Humble though they be,
Make the mighty ages
Of eternity.

So, our little errors
Lead the soul away
From the paths of virtue,
Oft in sin to stray.

Little deeds of kindness,
Little words of love
Make our earth an eden
Like the heaven above.

Little deeds of mercy
Sown by youthful hands,
Grow to bless the nations,
Far in heathen lands.

Give my love to your dear Sab. school girls — & tell them I have copied this beautiful hymn, for them to learn. I hope they will love the Saviour & all his works.

Mrs Stone's love.

Within one week Capt Whipple has sold his farm to Dea Safford, & his ~~Son~~ Nathaniel is to take possession the 2d day of May. And Capt W. has bought Mr Heath's place, & is preparing to move there. Thanks to I— for the account of Rail Road Divisions. Engs &c &c. and also many thanks for that very comprehensive paragraph, at the close of your letter—

I should admire to take a walk with you & see those beautiful birds & hear their music. it wd almost make me feel young again—We have only seen a few scattering snow birds—tho. I thought one or two morning, I heard the sould of the red breast.

I suppose you will not ride Lorae back much at present—it is so muddy.

Tell me. Do you feel quite well—Has Mrs Keys returned? How is Mr Crosby?

Your father & I have passed through the Winter, with rather more than usual health. My eyes better than when I wrote last.

Good bye—

Love to the teachers—
Love to little Pet. With a God much to you—both—one

Your ever Aff Mother
& Father too

Father & Mother Page 1st
Apr 26. 1853

Dunbarton May 13, 1853. Dunbarton, April 15. 1853.

Very dear Children:-

Yours, under date of March 28, contains this expression - "I suppose there is still snow & cold perhaps, on the hills of Dunbarton." Never was there a supposition more correct. Even now, while I am writing, our platform south of the house, and the roofs of our buildings, (as well as the ground) are covered with snow, and from the eaves are hanging scores of those crystal masses, called icicles, brilliantly illuminated, and sparkling like gems, as the sun, which has now been risen for several hours, pours upon them its clear, bright rays. You must not suppose, however, that our domicile is to be long thus ornamented, for scarcely a cloud is to be seen in the heavens, "as big as a man's hand," and the sun will unquestionably clear away, very soon, all these showy affairs, & present things in their custom ary modesty & simplicity. Already, we see the little brilliants weeping in view of the speedy dissolution which awaits them, &, in a very few hours, we expect to see them pass away, to be seen no more.

You ask, "Is not your good, steady old town of Dunbarton, always on the temperance side?" It is; yet such is the devotion to party, by a majority of the voters, that the interests of temperance are very liable to be sacrificed for the sake of promoting party purposes.

In regard to investing something in lands, concerning which you ask an opinion, it strikes me that it may be made a very profitable investment, if the land be judiciously selected; and I should suppose that engineers would enjoy very superior advantages for making a favorable choice. I have rather wondered that you have not, ere this, put some of your salary into terra firma.

You ask, dear Nettie - "Has not father become weary of being Chore-boy yet?" I can assure you

he is quite patient, & I rather think Ezra Mather will testify, does up the things as well as boy in general. He rises early, builds two good fires, fills the tea-kettle with fresh water, sees that the boxes are well supplied with wood, takes care of the house, &c. &c. all which is done very cheerfully, & quietly. Mother, you know, is a first-rate housewife, always prompt, having every thing ready in due season. I'll tell you what it is,—as the saying is,—we get along very finely together, and enjoy a great deal of comfort in our lonely condition, altho' we are free to confess, that a part of our enjoyment is in the anticipation of our Jenny's return, better qualified than ever to promote our happiness. By the way, I saw Jenny this week. I was attending a meeting of our association at Manchester, & learnt that the Russell family were to leave Merrimack the next day, for Worcester, Mass. to commence operations in their new Institution in that place. I learnt also that there would be Speaking in the Chapel at Merrimack, on the evening previous to their departure, & that several members of the family would take an active part. I therefore stepped into the cars, & ran down to witness the exhibition. Quite a rich treat it was, I assure you. Frank Russell was there, & gave us some of the most thrilling & captivating exhibitions of the power of eloquence I ever heard. Among other performances he acted the maniac. Edward Russell, now twelve years old, is quite a splendid Speaker. If he lives, I think, ~~he will~~ he will ball behind none of the Russells, as an elocutionist. Two of the daughters also spoke. Anna Russell had a very prominent part in a Dialogue; & also recited a Single piece. I am not able to compare how any one could do better than she did, in both cases. Jenny had a minor part in the dialogue & performed well. I believe she succeeds very well in her

Dunbarton. N.H.
Apr. 19, 1853

Du Quoin Apr. 30, 1853,

Danbarton Ap. 4th 1858

My Dear Children

This is our annual State Fast. Your father preached in the forenoon on Despotism: He told the people of the effects of despotism - now reigning in Europe - Scenes in France - Tuscany - Sicily - Lombardy. - Then he came to America - & told the people to look at the compromise measure of 1850. Look at the newly revised constitution of Kentucky - Then, he says, see if this spirit of despotism confined to the Slave states. Look at the law lately passed in Illinois, respecting persons of color, who may enter that state. & so on. In the afternoon, we had remarks & prayers, with the reading of select portions of the Word of God. This is the first meeting of this kind, we have had, since Dea Wilson & Dea Alexander "fell asleep" & how we did miss them! Dea Burnham was unable to be out.

I am more & more interested as I proceed in Book of the Bible. I am obliged to read it alone. I want an Isaac, to explain some words - & give the particular character of many of the Poets, with which the books of the bible are compared. This would make it more than doubly interesting & profitable. Your father has merely looked at it. I know not when he will have time to do more.

We have mailed six letters, Tuesday & today, to Three brs & Putnam - J.G. & you.

9th. A call from Agnes, begging, as she said, for For. Missions. We gave $2.00 - to the Methodists. Your pa said he shd give 1. & I thought I would trade enough, some way, to give another. Then we had a call from John Ireland - He has been living in Francistown - perhaps you know, for 2 years. Now he expects to be a year in Manchester. He is a young man of fine appearance, not pious but seemed very serious. May he soon be a Christian. When he entered the meeting-house for a day, it reminded me of the night he was watched with dear Henry so forcibly, that, for a time, I could not bear it. But why did I?

Then came in the letter from Du Quoin. Thanks thanks.—So cheerful—well—good ~~for nothing~~. We shd love to make you a visit; but whether that will ever be except in imagination I know not. When will "Maine Mother" be likely to reach here? We wd not be away from home for anything—Tell her we shall expect her—& shall be very—very happy to see her. We have not seen Anne—Why not?

Dr Oscar Potter is now visiting his relatives; here,—he spent the Winter in Phil. attending Medical lectures, & is soon to return to Missouri.

Monday. Some weary this eve. My once broken bone aches very badly—I shd think there must be a great rain at hand.

12th Your father left home this morn. to attend Association at Manchester. I thought of going with him to visit some old friends, but it looked very much like raining soon—& so I cheerfully concluded to remain at home. South wind & cloudy all day & now 7 in the eve. It is beginning to rain; and here I am in the study with every thing to make me comfortable—except a friend in materiality. I was at a good prayer-meeting this P.M. & Mrs. H. Colby called & H. Kimball & Sarah gone. Bradford brot me a letter from Jennie. She had received yours & answered it.

13 Before 8 o'clock, last eve, Fanny came in to see if I was alone. She said her father thought it wd be wrong for me to stay alone all night. So she spent the night with me. Don't you think they are kind? tho. I was not afraid—yet I did feel better, to have her here; & we both had sweet sleep. It is pleasant to day, & your father will have a pleasant time to come home.

15. When your father writes, it throws my letter all in the shade—Well, you will have some shade as well as bright sunshine. A variety is pleasant.

This P.M. we rode to see old Mrs Marshall. She has been very feeble in body & mind for some time, & for about 6 weeks has failed fast. They call her some better, but I think she will not be with us long.

Mrs Dow came to see her Tuesday, expects to return tomorrow; her health is quite good & her babe is fine looking, & healthy. Many enquiries after you. When returning, we called at Col. Goss's. More enquiries after you. Mrs Story Nancy & Sally Smith were there

Monday A most delightful day. washing & ironing done & put away things Father started for Concord at about half past six, and I am expecting him home every minute.

Shall I give you a little extract from that last sermon?

"I hope this law (Ill. black law) will be tested, that it may be seen whether it can be carried out, in the face of the nation. I hope that black men, & coloured men of every hue will insist that state, that they will overrun it like the frogs of Egypt, & see if they will all be sold into slavery. Let them refuse to pay this fine, for not being pure white, and be sold into slavery, under the auction hammer of the state law. It will, as I apprehend, open a volcano under the feet of those sages who make the law, which will sink them to depths too low, for the state ever to find them again, as her legislators, or leaders." Now, say, Is this too bad?

19 Now, this sheet must start on its journey to visit you, my dear children; may it find you still well & happy.

I am often asked whether you will be likely to come East this year, What shall I answer? We should be most happy to see you.

Ap. 6 Tho. we mailed a letter to you, Dear Children, yesterday as usual, I forgot to mention two things One was, when you have an opportunity to send to St Louis - send & get some clothes pins - also some of Stow's Chemical Erasive soap - you will find it so cheap - and much better than any other - It is excellent to take out grease spots - & pitch & such things

Nettie, I think a very long waist to fit round you will be a support if you need any thing of the kind.

☞ None is genuine but that which comes in bars of about one pound, stamped **John N. Stow's C. S. Chemical Erasive Soap,** on the bar.

Dunbarton N.H.
Apr 19

Isaac L. Metcalf, C.E.
In Quincy, Pike Co.
Ill.

In regard to my chore boy; he has given a very truthful account of himself, and I will only add he is very neat. so I have no occasion to exercise 'woman's rights' or woman's authority, in running after him with a broom or shovel.

We have just received a letter from Mrs Quincy; her sister Sarah has been very sick, so that they do not expect she will live but a short time, she recovered so as to go down stairs, but more recently has been raising blood & probably will not live long.

Home May 12. Mother George
& Lennie —

Du Quoin May 28, 1853.

Home May. 9. 1853.

My dear sister.

You will notice by my date that I am now at home. I arrived here last week Wednesday. How I wish you were here too. what a fine time we would have would we not?

I expect to make my departure some time this week for Martha's Vineyard, to spend a few weeks on the sea-shore for my health, not being perfectly sound in body. I do not expect to return to Meriden untill Spring. I shall then return if possible to graduate.

I am very much obliged to you for your Singing Book. I shall prize it highly. Also for the flowers you sent me. I am now reading the life of Napoleon. It is very interesting.

Your Brother,

George ——

May 14 — 1853.

Very Dear Children,

We are enjoying the society of George & Jennie, now, & I assure you it is very pleasant. We have good singing & enjoy it much, & hope sometime you will be added to our number. How delightful it would be to see you face to face.

As usual, I must tell the news. Miss Eunice Ballard is going to be married to a Mr.

ginia gentleman" & I suppose is to go to that state to live.

Last Monday Mrs C—Kimball, Hannah—Nancy Dimon, & Agnes Great Excitement & a Mr Hazeltine from Chester came here & made our carpet, & put it down. They had a social time—tho, their conversation was not of the highest order. This job of sewing was very heavy for me to do, & I was very grateful to have it done up so quickly & well. I gave them for supper, bread & butter, preserve—apple puffs, washington cakes—sponge cake & cream cake. This last Hannah was so kind as to bring in. We have moved the bureau from the North bedroom on to the South room—that is the South bedroom into the North, & the bed from into the South bedroom. This arrangement improves the appearance of the middle-room very much.

Since George returned, I have been busy enough in repairing old clothes, & am not done, yet. Shirts, pants, vest, coat all torn & worn.

George does not seem to be sick—but is rather sleepy, listless & not quite well—rather tired out in having his mind fixed on Latin & Greek—Greek Latin from morn till eve—& he has long thought a short residence on & about the salt water might do him good, & tho we find it rather difficult, just now, to supply him with all that is necessary, we have concluded to aid him all we can—& hope he may be greatly benefitted, & perhaps he may do some little good—We love to commend him as we do you to the kind care of Him, who, is ever present with you, where-

ever you are, and is able to guide - protect - deliver & bless, above what we can ask. We trust you will ever submit yourself to Him in all things - & that He will bless you & make your blessings in life & death.

Yesterday I went with George to Weare. Gie. went to Mr Marshall's to visit a class mate, & I went to Mr Raymond's. The old lady & William were unwell with Cold & bowell complaint. Will's wife has been sick & both the children. They are all better, but not well. Mrs. Raymond went to Troy & Waterford last week & returned with Lucy's mother Aunt this week. Mrs Amsden has sold her possessions in Waterford & expects to make Mr Raymond's & a brother's, in Lebanon her home hereafter. She has been sick & is not fully recovered. Mary's health is very poor - the family even fear they think she will not be with them long. Mr & her father were there a few minutes before I left - they were gone to Gaffstown when I arrived. Clara has been at school at West Cambridge, Mass. & will return there next week. She seemed much pleased to hear from you.

Last Sabbath, Gie's father exchanged with Mrs Boynton, & called at the Tenant St. How I wish it was very urgent to have your father & bring me there on Election week - he almost promises to do so, providence permitting. We are now quite well for us to be. Shall be making calls a part as we can - for the season.

Grass, trees &c are looking very beautiful. Our tomatoes were set out this week. they are two or three inches high. Jennie & Gie. have made the front yard look finely. Daffodils - lady delights & hyacinths, in bloom & many others -

Dunbarton, Ill.
May 12

Mr. Isaac A. Metcalf, C.E.
Du Quoin,
Ill.

Dear Sir:

Inside will come
a plan well done,
containing settlement.

Hobbath eve May 21th 1858.

My dear Sister Nettie:

I have returned from meeting this afternoon, and take this opportunity to write you a few lines. Mr Ather preached from the 7th of John 5 chapter and 17 verse, all unrighteousness is sin; and there is a sin not unto death. He told what sin was, that it was a transgression of the law of God; and every thing which we did against the law of God was sin. In the afternoon it was in the 2d of Peter 1st chapter and 1st verse. Simon Peter, a servant and a postle of Jesus Christ, to them that have obtained like precious faith with us through the righteousness of God and our Saviour Jesus Christ. He explained what true faith was, and that it was precious, and then why it was precious, and that it was precious to all that exercise it; and in the course of the sermon he brought in an account of Emma Charlotte Wagen daughter of Prof. Wagen of Amherst College, he once lived in Gilmanton, perhaps when you was there. Mather's sermon was very interesting and I wish you could have heard it. Monday 22d. I have helped mother do the washing this forenoon and went to school to. I have commenced going to school at home this Summer. Mrs Charles Kimball is our teacher. I like her very much. I study Botany, Physiology and Grammar and recite in History and Geography. I like studying Botany very much. I am going to have a new book as Prized Premium. I am very much thankful to you for those

seen that verses which you sent me. We had a letter from
Augusta George, he had arrived at Martha's Vineyard and was very pleas-
antly situated. I liked all Brady very much. I spoke in the Stage
the last evening. We didn't get through till half past 11 o'clock.
I hope you will write me a long letter as soon as you can.
Please give my love to brother G. and accept a large share for
yourself. Excuse all bad mistakes for they are many.

Your affectionate sister
Jennie.

Tuesday, 24 My dear Mother,

Yesterday I made a second call on Mrs Safford, she has not called on me, but like you, she is not very well, & so I thought as she was a stranger I would not be ceremonious - Mr Safford's eldest sister is there, & she has a sister about 14 years old with her. They have neither father or mother living. The mother died, whose Mrs S. & sister were born in Niagara Co. N.Y. & they have been in N. C. 7 years. The father 2 or 3 years since went to California, & was on his way back, when he died. Their mother was Spanish.

When I was at Mr Raymond's Mr John Raymon & Clara were there, all sent love -

Your ever sincere Mother.

Sent by Treadwell

Home May 24. 1853.
Du Quoin June 1853

May 20th 1853.

Dear Children,

The letter we expected last Saturday, arrived yesterday, (Thursday) Grateful were we to see it, & more grateful for the good news it contained; We hope you will ever be able to make use of those three words "comfortable happy & busy" but sometimes in this shadowy world, we must make use of the first two in a limited or comparative sense. We hope ere this you have received the letter with Lace & seeds. I should love to be with you, & could I reach you in a day or two, you might expect me before the 20th of June, but as it is, you may know I am with you in spirit every day & every hour. Give my love to Mrs Keys & tell her I feel grateful to her for all she does to make you so comfortable. I hope in some way you will be able to repay her kindness. The verse in Dail's Food for this day, is, "The Lord is good, a strong hold in the day of trouble, and he knoweth them that trust in him". Another precious promise, is, "I the Lord thy God will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee, fear not, I will help thee!" May you trust in the Lord, and experience the performance of his word.

This morning I rode with your father to Brigham's, bro't Miss Margaret Allison home with us, & conveyed her to Col. Foster's, as she wished to visit there & Mrs. Hammonds today. Mrs Marshall died, one week ago this day. It was the old Aikin house in Amherst that Mr Clark purchased. Mr Tilley has

recovered, but we know not yet what he will do. Last week George went with me to Weare. He went to see a classmate, Marshall & I visited Mr Raymond. Mrs Raymond has been sick, & both children, but are now better - but not entirely well. Mary is much more unwell - & I think her friends have little expectation that she will ever be well. Have I told you all about this visit before? It seems just as tho. I had.

Eve. I suppose you have read Capt Webber's speech to his crew on board the "Trade Wind". Was it not eloquent, noble! Was ever such a speech made by a Sea Capt. before? If you have not read it with close attention my daughter - read it again, for your own support & comfort. God is honored, by such trust in him.

Good night.

Sat. We had a good meeting yesterday & you were very affectionately remembered. Mr Bailey has been a home 2 or 3 weeks & expects next Monday to go to Bow to teach again. I know nothing more of her affairs.

Monday. 9 o'clock. Jennie & I have finished washing & our clothes are out; & she just gone to school. Now you will allow one to look in & see you the best way I can, I do so much desire to see & converse with you, my dearest Nettie. A little gruel or flaxseed might be good for you to take occasionally; & you know the application of cotton batts is good for a sore throat. Such pains & heartburns are nothing but what are common & if we have nothing worse than these, tho. they may be very uncomfortable, we must think ourselves highly favord. I suppose it is very warm with you & will be for many months. & you may find it absolutely necessary to have brandy & warm or something of the kind for bathing. My best wishes attend you.

The apple trees are now in full bloom; the maples dressed in their richest green; & a pair of birds have made their home in the largest balsam. Yes, this is a beautiful world & daily speaks forth the praise of him who made it. Your loving Mother.

Dunbarton June 25 - 1853

Dear Children.

Before the anniversary of your marriage, your little son perhaps, will smile on you, an event to be noticed, and you by the impression manifested in your eyes, will make an impression on that little heart, which never may be radicated. I believe impressions from the countenance are made very early. Oh! I wish I had thought a thousand times more of it than I did, while traveling in my family. Have you fixed on a name? "Hiram Emerson" says, "tell them to call it Putnam". We come hope for another letter or Note today. How do you do, and how do you feel, Nellie?

Have you read "Shady side"? I like what Dr. Allison says to Mary in reference to the baptism of her first babe.

Thursday June 30. So quere has flown. And how will July 1st find the mother & baby. A monthly birth day to the little one: and how much has he grown? What does the color of his eyes appear to be? We hoped to have seen another letter or Note today from Dequoin, but we must wait till Saturday: hoping that "all is well" & ever will be.

Yesterday after ironing & baking Hannah Colby came in & wished me to tell her how to fix over an old bonnet. Near 11. O'clock. Then your good Papa came with a cushion for his shoulders & another for his neck & wished me to cover them, and a hard pillow also, so I said, "I'll try". I covered the largest, one before his resting time. The other were finished about sunset. Early P.M. before I had any time to rest, Mrs Safford & a sister of Mrs Woodbury, Concord, from Beverly called. Then we had Amanda Wilson & Sarah Nute

visit. After tea things were put away, Mr Willey & Sarah called - I gave them a cup of tea & lunch. They are quite well now; look finely. Desired to be remembered to you, & said Ann Elizabeth Smith was married about 4 months since, to a Mr Merrell. Manchester. Mr David Parker is also married, to a Low Mass lady, I think. Mr Willey has commenced his agency - Last week was at Putney, at Mr Hosters. Mr F. is about to leave Putney & move to Ludlow, where he has received a call to settle & preach. Now another piece of news - Harriet, (we do none of us think of her present name) has a daughter about two weeks old. Mr Willey said she was married well - as to this world. - But Nettie - I could never think of committing you to one who did not fear God; to one who would not pray for you, & with you & your children. Oh! be thankful for the sympathies of a Christian husband -

This is Monday the 4 of July - Do you remember Monday the 5th last year? Did this world ever roll so rapidly before? You are now realizing the ~~but~~ natural consequences of that day's transactions, in all their solemn responsibilities. Nettie, how do they seem to you, not only solemn, but delightful? Saturday, George, (as there was no sch. either Saturday or today) took to his heels & came home, & he was here yesterday, our communion, & we had our monthly concert for F. Miss. at 5 o'clock - We had an unusually full meeting. George for the first time here made some remarks, at some length, better than we should expect from him - They drew tears from the eyes of Capt Wm. His manner is quite good. He has written an oration since he came home, on Eloquence, returns this P. M.

Ever all Mother.

Dunbarton, July 6, 1853.

My dear Children:-

What an anniversary is this! To you more memorable than the 5th or 6th that preceded it, the anniversary of your wedding day, that day when you two become one." But there is another memorable day,- the 15th of June. Then, you become parents. How exalted now is your condition, & how great your responsibilities. Think of it. To you is committed a treasure, the value of which no arithmetic can estimate. It shall survive the ruins of time. It shall outlive the visible heavens.

"The stars shall fade away, the sun himself
Grow dim with age, and nature sink in years.-

But the immortal gem, committed to you, in an earthen casket if properly taken care of, & nourished with the dews of heavenly grace,

"Shall flourish in immortal youth,
Unhurt amidst the war of elements,
The wreck of matter, & the crush of worlds."

Well, I rejoice in your new responsibilities, & pray Heaven to enable you to be faithful. Your dear Mother has made some excellent suggestions in regard to early impressions. I hope you will be assisted by divine grace so to discharge your duty that both you, & your dear little one, may be the rich partakers of the divine blessing.

Very affectionately, Your father,
John M. Putnam.

Dear Children,

Coming all this forenoon. Harriet Jenny is here from Chester- you recollect seeing her here with her father little more than a year since. Mrs. Hale is at Chester watching over her sick son Henry, who will probably never be better. Frank is also there, did his mother all he can. You will be glad to learn he is well- and engaged to a Miss Wilkins- Harriet says his good mother likes her very well.

We hope again for a letter today. H. Jenny sends love, & so does Jenny. George went to P[illegible] last eve- left love for you & will write before long. When shall we see you? Your ever affec. Mother.

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Dunbarton June 12 1853.

Dear Children,

Your letter, (which is full of what was desirable, & what should call forth our warmest gratitude to the giver of every good gift, & what should inspire our hearts with renewed trust & love - reached us last Saturday. Was Did the heat trouble you any when you went to pick strawberries? Was that dear old, blind woman glad? Oh I hope she could see with an eye of faith - see Jesus - Go to see her again if you can & give my love to her. My sympathies & prayers are called forth in her behalf.

June 18th. Last week Jenny went with me, before school time, to the Widow Clifford's - she returned & left me. I remained with Mrs C till little after 10 - then call'd at Mr Jenny's - & after 11 - went to Mr Page's. Mrs Stearns is very unwell - I should think she has not for some time been able to sit up more than half the day. Henry is boarding with Mrs Dow & going to sch. How pleasant that he can for a time be in the family with his sister. He thinks of being a machinist. At about three O'clock I moved on to Mr Sargeant's - Where your father came & took tea, & brought me home. Jenny's health much improved - & yours too. Much love from all these good old friends to you.

16th A few days since I received a note from a dear friend (Mrs O'Brien) asking me what books I liked to read best aside from the Book - & I often hear Mrs Stowe spoken

of as the woman of the present age - & today we received a note from Isaac, which speaks of Antoinette & the baby. We suppose of course that something remarkable, in the form of a baby has made its appearance there. To it so that you are father & mother; & we Grandparents! Sat. 18th Another Note from Isaac explains the other. We received the second Note - first. We thank you Isaac, for writing so promply & we thank our God and yours - that you could write that which was so cheering to our hearts. May you act well your part under the responsibilities, which now rest on you. Willie did you ever know what it was to feel grateful before? Dr Scott in writing to a son, who had become a father says; if I recollect aright, "You cannot bequeath a better portion to the world than a well educated family of children". You have no doubt dedicated the little one to God, in secret & will do it publicly. Think much of God's covenant with Christian parents. Plead his precious promises in behalf of little Joseph Henry; if you do not wish to call it for your "Patriarch" Willie. We need not tell you, we, & many more here rejoice with you & hope the precious babe may live to be a blessing to you & the world. Remember Mrs Wesley's advice, Let the first great object be to subdue the Will when it appears; and the mildest means, I should say which will accomplish the object, is the best. 21st Your father & George have left for Pembroke & your father sends much love & will try to write next time. His prayers show that he thinks much of you and your babe. But, Isaac, I think you ought to do half towards getting a name, with the help George, ginnie & I have afforded. Yet, I care very little about the name. The character, I hope will it sound well, whatever it is.

The little horse Chestnut, the maples, the currant bushes, all flourishing finely, & grapevine also. We have had about a teacup full of strawberries from the garden.

Ere this reaches you Geo. has written

How do you do Mother. Uncle and I would like to know how little Edward (Albert, I mean (for that is the name I pray God for him) – don't you think it's a pretty one? I do – and I want you to call him so, will you, eh? Fellow is hurt. Well I hope really in a little while, but – Mama says it's a good sign, any way.

Tomorrow morning between 4 & 5 Father & I propose to go to Pembroke, Uncle if they will keep me there I suppose Father will leave me.

Do tell her that you want the same name you do." Jennie I will write again pretty soon and tell you some more about my visit at the Vineyard & how I get along at Pembroke.

Your Brother,

Geo. Augustus Putnam.

more from the field. The first tomatoes that looked for many weeks so well – all died – we have some now that look pretty well, but not but a few inches high. Peas not in blossom yet. Love from Mrs Widow Wilson & Elizabeth & Thomas' wife & Mrs Anderson, who called here last week. Sylvester Wilson is married to a Lucy Colby of Goffstown. Kimball will probably have the same ceremony passed upon him in the Fall. They live at the Caldwell house I believe Mr Wilson had purchased that place, before you left. I do not know the name of Kimball's lady. If all things go on well with Achsa, before August is through – she will have Cabors & responsibilities similar to yours. & sometime Mrs David Story – Wonderful! Little Eddy Rogers is a fine looking boy now. — Mr Willey has taken a bible agency for N. H. Vermont & Maine, we hear. Last week I went to Mr L Mill's before nine o'clock, Wednesday, & spent the forenoon. worked a little for Mrs Mill Aunt Polly & Sarah took tea with Mrs Wilson & Elizabeth. What time was you

war. you taken sick. I look in the best way I can & see you beginning to ~~dress~~ & dress baby &c. hope you will not get up too fast this warm weather.

Miss H. Stark is better than when I wrote last. She called here the other day & presented me with 10 dollars to enable me as she said to take a journey; & before she left she gave me 5 dollars for your father that he might journey with me

Capt Kimball has been sick & was to have come home & call here, walked very slowly - too feeble - but hopes now soon to be well. He can go now - & then he remarked - "we have one from gone" - & then he remarked - "we have one little grandchild I fear we'll be trained in the way to serve." We have sometimes thought of taking her said he, but often think better of it. Then asked him, how with affairs - Oh! said he - "Well is not thriving." I pity them".

We have not determined when or where to go - but we have spent most of the money for Geo. & me already. Yet I think we may take a short journey. When is that good mother coming - I am thinking of her arrival daily.

Has baby any hair, & what color? Has he long fingers & toes. Lt Merrill has gone west to visit his br. & sons, his wife & Josephine has gone with Lieut Cullen is married.

Your ever loving

Mother.

Dumbarton Aug 12 1853. Mother
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Dumbarton, Augt. 12 1853.

This day we think is some like your days - or as yours were two or three weeks ago, perhaps 'tis much warmer now there. Now 4 O'clock the Thermometer at our North door is at 93. It has been about the same for several days. And the grass-hoppers surpass any thing I ever saw before. They come in to our house & cupboards among our clothing & all about; & as I look out now at our water trough, or spout hundreds are resting upon it & it seems as tho they will leave little grass for the poor cattle to eat. God has sent few such judgments upon us - but we deserve still greater.

Notwithstanding the warm weather, I have spent much of this week in visiting. Monday after washing - I rested awhile had just changed my dress, & & who should come in but Mr & Mrs Raymond & Mrs Amsden. We had a very pleasant time. I treated them with good bread & butter ginger bread & Washington cakes, (of which they did not get any) & as they professed to be very fond of blueberry pye, I presented a good fat one. & they praised it without many words - tho your father thought it rather too bad to black their mouths so woefully; but we gave them full liberty to follow up with cold water rinsing.

Soon after supper, splendidly sublime clouds made their appearance, & soon the thunder roared the lightning flashed - & the rain poured down - we gazed & gazed - admired & wondered - until Mrs Raymond began to think of going home - when her nerves were all agitation - anxiety & fear. The rain ceased - but the clouds, which had passed to the south still uttered their voices & breathed forth their fire. Mr R brought his horse to the door & his wife was helped in. full of fear & trembling - we all tried to comfort her - by telling her the clouds wd not be likely to return. & we thought they wd reach home in safety - & so they did - tho she seemed almost in fits on the way. She cd not help it. Tuesday we received some calls. & took tea at Capt. Kimballs, with Mrs Brook & Miss Lewis Lord from Manchester Ms. Wednesday. baked - & starched

After your well; & sugar, all this warm weather. I brought it myself from Lawrence. Last week. Today is quite cool. We very fear Children, to the lake.

Mrs Lord's little girl is poorly. Like so many of our children, to the lake.

things for Jennie to iron. Thurs George took Prince & went with me to Mr Procter Hammond's - & remained there until near 2 O'clock. Then walked to Mr Marshalls where I met all the female part of the family Mrs Dow & baby Mrs Jennie Stone & Edner; Your father went to bed & brot. me home, after reaching home your father seemed very anxious to know how Prince would act with a lady on his back - so he put on the side saddle & led him to a barrel horse block & I jumped on, he stood perfectly still as tho. he had been accustomed to such honors. After riding around the yard two or three times we were both suffered to retire. I think when you come to see us you will enjoy some horse-back rides very much. Thursday. Geo. wished to visit his Marshall classmates, near Mr Raymonds & I according to promise went to visit old Mrs Raymond that is - take tea in her room. I enjoyed the sociability of all in the house. Poor Mary was so hoarse she could only whisper & smile - She should not be surprised if she were soon called away - but she has apparently been several times near death & raised again - & this may be the case again. Friday. After our morning work was done - I sewed for Mrs Burnham 2 hours - made the skirt of a delane dress for Fanny - She is going to Washington N. H. to sch. Mr Ch. Burnham Preceptor Miss Ann Burnham & other assistant. Ann was presented for admission to this Ch. last Sabbath. By all the families I have this week visited, very many inquiries were made after you & much love sent. Widow Hammond sent love & a kiss for baby. At Mr Raymonds I met Clara & Mrs Geo. P's daughter (can't think of her name) they sent love, & the latter was very emphatic in saying "To Mr Metcalf too" - after supper I went in to neighbor Heath's & sat beside a sick baby about an hour. The three children have the hooping cough.

Chas. Kimball's wife has another babe - but she is very sick - Hannah expects to go to Littleton where they now live next Monday. This is Saturday - 8 O'clock. Baking done & other preparations for Sabbath are made & I have been trying to get some sleep - as it was too warm to sleep much last night.

Six O'clock. Dark clouds of black clouds, was suddenly hung over us & prevented me from writing. Your father left his study & came here saying "It is so dark I can

not see to write." No. for some more than an hour we could none of us, read write, or sew - We have had a powerful shower. There is such a beautiful revolet thro. Mr Thissen's land & ours - I wish I could remain. Thod has sent love to you & a hundred kisses for baby. Do not tire yourself & him by putting them all on at once. I expect every day to hear special news from A.

Sabbath eve. Since we came from meeting, we have had another thunder shower - The barn, belonging to young Asher Lord - this side of the tanyard - was struck by lightning yesterday, & burned down - consuming the best portions of his hay & grain. Two week this day Mr John Page's barn was struck, but not injured much. O that these things may lead men to feel the vanity of earthly things, & lay up treasures which nothing can destroy.

David Kimball left Crawfordsville Tes. last Thursday morning, & this morning came from Parker - Depot to Mr Rider's & was at meeting all day - The boys you used to have. Susan Wiregate too was here at Chh. & her sister Lizza. They will probably visit us in a few days. Wish I cd give you the preaching to day.

Mrs Hammond told me last week - she had thought lately - That your father had been so faithful & so earnest - he must be doing his "last work" This did not trouble me any - for I have long ago heard similar saying; but I thought today, if he had known it to be his last sermon - I did not see where he cd improve it. Christians I am sure were nourished - And will not some truth be lodged in the hearts of the impenitent - & lead them to cry "Lord what wilt Thou have me to do?

Tuesday. During the shower, on last Sabbath. the lightning struck at Mr Oliver Bailey's - went down the chimney into the cellar & did some injury - we have not learned all particulars - but Thomas was struck on the shoulder - The lightning passed down her side & burnt her shoe - but her life was spared. We have been told they at first thought her dead & that she did not speak until Monday. O that it may lead her to prepare

to greet her God - Beside these barns & this house several trees have been struck about here - this is unusual, here. We have been spared. May it be to do good.

Yesterday Hannah & Ellen Prescott gave us a call. They are quite thoroughly educated young ladies - you know they are methodists - but always seem very strongly attached to us. & trace their first permanent religious impressions to their stay in this family. Ellen said she thought she should like to go to the West to teach. They sent love to you & expressed a great desire to see your husband.

Have you written to Emily Putnam? Have you had any letter from her this great while..

George has written & read a good deal this long vacation now the time is drawing near for his return to Meriden. He is instructing Jenny in Music, one hour a day - especially as regard to time - They are tuning up - now. I believe I have asked when that road is expected to be finished - Mr Moore who has been Conductor on the C. V. R. ever since the cars run there has just left - to be on some part of the Ill Cen Road. I hope you can read this scribbling yesterday. We called at Sylvester Wilson's They appear very well. I think dear Nettie some chocolate shells would be good to strengthen you - if you can get good clean ones, & they make good milk for babies. Do you grow any stronger? Per haps a strengthening plaister might do you good. God bless you & your children. Mother

I am very glad to hear that you are so well and happy in your Western Home. But I do wish you would [illegible] so any time as to come to your Eastern Home. I have been a widow at Sherborn and now it is closed. It is time I was home with [illegible] time is [illegible] always. I hope you will get a woman for that little stranger pretty soon. I wanted to tell you a year ago that you see that Mother has not left me any more to. I hope that will [illegible] you come up well. do give me a little

Dumbarton George Aug 1 1853
Du Lucia Aug 18 1853

Home, Aug. 1st. 1853.—

My dear sister Nettie.

It is Monday morning, and Father has just returned from Concord. Yesterday he exchanged with Mr. Parker, and this morning he took a livs horse carriage at Concord, and rode out in great style for him, having three Ladies with him, viz. Mrs. Kendall, Mrs. Chase & Miss Mary ~~Parker~~ Farley. They came out for the ride, to see the place, &c. But hark! — what sound is that which now meets my ear? Is it the rumbling of a carriage in the street: the heavy tread of the Steam Horse as he rolls over the iron track, or is it the peal of deep & distant thunder?

No; 'tis but the rattling suds of yonder wash-tub. Yes; Nettie it is washing day, and Mother & Jennie, bending o'er the tubs, make music with the water.

Mrs. Chase informed us that Miss Mary Parker, with whom you were intimate at Concord is now married to a Mr. Dunkley, who, at the earnest solicitation of his Father, remains on the home farm in Merrimack. I believe they are in good circumstances. Mary gives lessons on the Piano, & Mrs Kendall's daughter is now there taking lessons.

During the week that has just passed, two little Children have been taken from the number of the living, and placed in the silent grave. (Col. Hammond's & Wm. Stinson's). How often are we thus admonished of the shortness of life. Youth and the vigor of health, are no security. How often is the little child cut-down, "as a pale flower, nipped in in its sweet-spring tide, ere it had bloomed". The arrows of death are indeed falling thick and fast-around us. Our turn may come next. Let-us therefore keep ourselves in constant preperation, for "in such an hour as we think not the Son of Man cometh."

Yesterday it-rained. I thought-I would tell you for is was so uncommon But it poured down twice during the day, most-sweetly and powerfully, "in so much" that-"the mountains & hills broke forth into singing, & all the trees of the field clapped their hands" for joy.

I believe I have but one thing more to write about. In the language of Gehazi the servant-of Elisha. I would say, "Is it well with thee? Is it-well with thy husband? Is it-well with the child?"

Much love to you all. hope you will write me sometime.

Your brother.

Geo. Augustus Putnam.

Tinberton Aug 1st 2 1853

Well, my dear old Nettie, after making music awhile & seeing company a few minutes, & doing many Monday things, my eyes were aching badly. I dipped my head in very cold water, & threw myself upon the sofa, then up & put out some more clothes, (as we had none that a line full,) & then to bed. Now, 4 O'clock, I feel somewhat rested & eyes & head feel better. but not able to read unless it be a very little in large print. O k I miss your reading loud very much - I have not passed thro. Barnes of the Bible, or Shady Side, yet. But, now vac. is done, I design to have Jennie read to me some every day.

Last week Mr Rogers & wife went to Manchester to attend the funeral of his bro's child, two years old. The parents of this child, & Mr & Mrs Hamman, & Mr & Mrs Stinson feel deeply the loss of their little ones - Mr Stinson's was a daughter 4 months old. I do not know that any of these parents go to God for consolation. O that these afflictions might lead them to him.

Mrs dea. Parker heard of the death of her mother last week. Marian learned to sing & play on the Piano-forte while at Oberlin Institute. Geometry & Latin, with other things to come, with her beautiful curls - she will be very attracting. But we feel disappointed that she has returned without the love of Jesus in her heart.

Are there no deaths with you? Is there no sickness among the people? Please tell me something about Mrs Burges. What is her husband's occupation?

I suppose Silvester Wilson is marrying so soon followed the advice of his parents, who you know are very anxious to settle their children near themselves. I never

have heard anything against Sylvester's character.
Mrs Dow is at Mr Moro Lall's now. I expect to visit there this week. Polly Bailey is at home, just returned from Bow, I have not seen her. Shd have seen her this morning had it not been rainy. Next letter, perhaps I can tell you something of her.
One piece of news, wh. I must write, because no body else, will. Your father & George have swopped off Billy. for a colt, wh. Mr Morse raised. It is pretty, & appears perfectly kind - goes easy on the back, so when you come I think you can ride. But poor Billy I am afraid will not have so good treatment as he has had. The Brown has him now.

Mr. Isaac S. Mallalieu,
Des Moines,
Ill.

Cumberland Co.
Sept. 2

We name our Bony, Prince. Is not that baby named, yet? If he is not it is too bad. No mother from Maine yet. Our money is gone, & we shall not go on a journey, indefinitely. Hope another year we may be able to go somewhere. But we are happy at home & would not go abroad for joy. One thing we desire. - It is to see the work of God revived. Good bye my children, Good bye.
Father & Jennie & all send love, love.
Your ever aff. Mother.

Mother & George. Aug 27
Dunbarton

Fox Lucia Sept 13, 1853.

Home, Aug. 27th, 1853.

My dear sister Nettie.

Mrs. Putnam

has informed me that must
"needs" in the day to send a
letter to you. Accordingly I take
this opportunity to collect
my wits into one glorious
whole, arranged in such a form
that it may safely go by mail.

Last Monday morning I
started from Concord with
Umbrella & carpet-bag, and Gideon,
& headed a procession of
the Free Democracy of N. H., bound
to Wolfboro' on the banks of the
Winnipisogee, that beautiful lake
of the highlands, in the pleasant
waters of which the Indian and
the smile of the great Spirit

That evening about sun-
down, I reached a large farm-
house, in London, & thought
I might pleasantly spend the
night. So I went in, & there I
beheld! Yahoo's head before me!
"as big as life, & twice as natural"
I don't say this was wholly acci-
dent, perhaps it was design.
However, I spent a very pleasant
night. She sent word to
you. Tuesday, about 11 o'clock, I
arrived at Mr. Clarke's, in Gilman-
ton, & then made many enquiries
concerning you, & wished me to
send word that I was in town. She soon
was very kind & showed me the
many beautiful birds & curiosities
he gathered in the South Sea Is-
lands. After dinner I sailed
on my merry way, till I reached
Meredith Bridge. Here I spent-

Ate night at the Bunnan
Hotel. Wednesday morning,
the Lady of the Lake, command-
ed by Capt. Walker, gave us
a safe and pleasant passage
across the Lake, some 11 miles, to
Wolfboro. During the day we
listened to speeches from the
Hon. John P. Hale, Hon. Amos
Tuck, & the other leading,
anti-slavery, whole hearted, mem-
bers, real, first-rate, true
democrats — friends. Hon.
D. Cartland Esq, the Quaker,
formerly of the neighboring town
of Meare, & some others. Had
a very pleasant time — reached
home Thursday. Last Sunday
I return to Providence — Good bye.

Yrs. Augustus.

30th I had been thinking it two weeks since a letter was mailed to you but find I neglected to set it down.

This pleasant morning your father went early to Concord with George, to put him on his way to Meriden. Jennie was called for to go to pick hops for Mr Prescott. So I am left alone. Now How do you all three do - Nettie how is your back?

Tell me if you can about all the inmates of the house. & thank them from me for taking care of Mayo while you go to meeting. & for all other favors to you. Tell Mr Bird we are very sorry he did not call on us, when he came so near. James Kimball dined & spent considerable part of yesterday with us. Sarah Parker is going to Bradford Mo. to school tomorrow. I think Mr Rol Mr Welby & Wallace Chanler &c. so on Jasouge have been dark as shady side. But it will not do to dwell on the shady part of life. Let us look beyond it. What you directed me to read from Mr Ward was very well written. I did think him an active man. Good bye. Mother

Your father's health better than when I wrote before.

Dunbarton March 22 1854.
Father & Mother.

Du Quoin April 6. 1854
{About George.}

Dunbarton, March 4th, 1854.

Dear Children:

Yours of March 7 did not arrive till yesterday. As you kindly & very generously received your invitation to George to come and to your place of residence, we hasten to reply & have you his circumstances communicate to you our decision on that subject.

George has just been at considerable expense to qualify him to teach Penmanship, with a view to earn a little money to help him along in qualifying himself to teach Elocution, which he is extremely anxious to qualify himself to do, temporarily, in order to enable him to pay his educational bills in preparing himself for the gospel ministry. Till within a few days, he has been entirely unable to get any employment, altho' he & I both have been doing our best to obtain it. We suppose He has now just obtained a writing school in Pembroke Academy, as he went there for that purpose last week & has not returned. He has also a strong prospect that when his engagement at Pembroke is closed, (which will be in about two weeks) he can have a similar engagement in connection

with the High School at Concord. Sarah being
his situation, we have come to the conclusion that
it will not be best for him to leave for the
West; especially as we are expecting every mail
to bring us information from another source
of the application for a school that has been
made in his behalf, and which, if a fav-
orable answer should be received, may re-
quire his immediate attention.

I conclude from what Nettie wrote in a
former letter, that she will have other com-
pany of your acquaintance, after her patroness
Isaac leaves her, till she arrives in New England,
and then, (as was suggested in our last letter,)
I will meet her, if George is not engaged he can-
not, provided you will let us know when
& where, it will suit your convenience.

George has really been unfortunate & afflicted.
Last fall, after spending the summer trying to
recruit his health, which was more expen-
sive than regular work, he returned to Mon-
ticello to resume his studies; but was so long
prostrated with fever, before the term closed,
he so far recovered as to be able to come home.
On the 21st of November he commenced teaching
the school in this district, which was to be
of three months continuance, at twenty
dollars a month - Sixty dollars!, a great
sum in his views, larger than he had ever had
in his possession. Besides this, he expected, with

a good deal of confidence, to be able to obtain a writing school for the evening, which would add 12 or 15 dollars more to his evening's pay per day. He failed entirely of the writing school, tho' no one questioned his qualifications to teach writing, or found any fault with his specimens of penmanship. Of his trouble in the district school we have already informed you. Doubtless you will be interested to see the report of the Superintending Committee. It is given below.

The Winter Term in No. 2 was commenced by Mr. George Putnam, who labored under the disadvantage of feeble health, and of having been a scholar with the older members of the school. "A prophet is not without honor save in his own country."

The teacher laid down excellent rules for the government of his school, and endeavored faithfully to carry them out. These, however, were too stringent to suit the feelings of several of the scholars, and there seemed to be a combination to trample down all law and order. The Superintending School Committee, who had previously given such advice as they thought was needed, and had admonished the disobedient of the consequences of persistence in wrong doing, were called on to deal with several, who repeatedly broke the laws of the school and made themselves liable to expulsion. After a protracted hearing of the case, the acknowledgement of those complained of, and the intention signified, of obedience in future, they were permitted to continue in school. The teacher, however, declined longer to have charge of the school. Mr. John C. Ray succeeded as teacher,—has had much experience in teaching, and has strength and skill to apply the rod where it is needed. The order manifest at the close of the school, and the review of the classes, were such as to reflect honor upon the instructor.

Perhaps it may not be amiss to mention, as a kind of counterbalance to Mr R's. "skilful use of the rod," that "Mr. George Putnam" had a very large class in Algebra which was going on finely when he left the school, but which had to be entirely given up by his "experienced" successor, for want of "Skill" in that science. One scholar was so desirous to proceed in this branch of study, as to leave the school, and attend in another district. However, we were all very glad the school had a good governor.

Again George returned to Meriden, with a view to pursue his regular studies. Again sickness came upon him, and worst of all sickness of heart, for want of funds. He had made great calculations to supply these by his own labors in teaching. It was one idea he dwelt upon with peculiar delight,— earning something himself, & not being entirely dependent on others. You know his disappointment. It was bitter.— I have hesitated, but, ob-

ter consulting your mother, have concluded to give you an extract from a letter dated Meridian, Jan. 19, 1854, in which he makes a disclosure of his feelings, - an extract which is even now painfully unable to read without weeping. After speaking of the absolute necessity of funds in order to continue his Academic course, he says:

"It is to money, you know, father, that I have none, and you not enough for your own necessary wants. Now have I friends to give me the needed assistance. Already have I robbed you of a large sum, every cent of which you needed, & more too. For me of the sacrifices made to supply me with money, I am knowing to; but the magnitude, I dare say, I know not. This money has come from a liberal hand & heart, accompanied with kind wishes & many prayers. I hope it has not been lost. But the fact above stated is too much for me to bear. My flesh is too weak to be the tabernacle of a soul thus weighed down. Can I sit content over my books when I think of home under these circumstances? No. I thank to heaven. My parents have sown in me heart the more genuine seed of filial affection. For more than two years has this worm been gnawing at my heart. Yet I have never till now mentioned it to any one; for I knew it would trouble you if you knew it. x x x x x x x x The old ship, Education I still cleave to, with the tenacity of a drowning man. If Heaven but smile upon me, I will yet rise above the surging billows of adversity. x x x But I must refrain absolutely from use any more of your money. Perhaps in this decision you think I am assuming too much. If so, account for my course by the strongness of necessity. Were I to tell you what subject has most occupied my mind since I left home it would be this. I have spent more hours in thinking & planning on this subject than on all other things that have occupied my attention. It has crept into my night watches. I see it before me in all my books; 'tis it is even my meat & drink."

I might prolong the extract, but this shall suffice. Soon after receiving the foregoing, Lorenzo brother, not having sufficient health & strength to continue his studies, came home. He then incurred a debt of twenty five dollars to obtain thorough qualification for teaching penmanship, having it in his agreement with his in-

(See next sheet.)

outer. This plaister should be in size about 7 inches by 3, marked thus: — "Granite Bank" (or any other good Bank) "promises to pay the bearer one hundred Dollars", &c. Such a plaister I think would have a most wonderful & magic effect, in enabling him to breathe easy, & in promoting a healthful state. One application may need to be repeated to effect a permanent cure, but I have no doubt one application would effect wonders.

Father.

Dear children,

Your father has given you perhaps more of "shady side" than is expedient, however I hope it may do no harm. George's experience, the last two weeks & the revelation of his feelings under such circumstances has endeared him to me & sympathize more than ever before with poor students in their struggles to obtain an education. As it respects George, If he can get into business, & live as he has already, I think a plaister will be manufactured, which will cure all. And we believe, these disappointments were all necessary chastisements from the hand of a kind Father, who knows and does what is best. I think too that George feels that these trials will be for his good.

The reason why Geo. went to Bradford, was he had a classmate, Thom. H Lovejoy, who, was anxious to have him spend a week with him. In the "Vacation Excursion" which Geo. sent to you, the names introduced were the real names of some to whom he was introduced in the family of Mr Lovejoy — Mrs. Lois A Lamb. He calls Mr Lovejoy "Mr Greenleaf," & Mrs Lovejoy "Preceptress of Boston." This visit may hereafter be of great benefit to Geo.

Your father & mother are now in usual health. Alexander still lives. We hope to hear today that Geo. is in prosperity.

Yours affectionately, Mother.

Direct your next letter to Geo. Lamb, Bradford, Mass.

structor that he might earn the money by teaching before he paid his bill for his own instruction. But I fear months will elapse from the time he finished his preparations to teach, before it will be possible for him, by all he can save from teaching to pay this debt.

His first efforts are at Coffstown, where he spent several days in going round to get up a School. At length he obtained names enough on his subscription paper to think it would answer to commence. He then incurred the expense of going to Manchester to purchase his Stationary. It is customary, as I am probably aboard, for writing masters to find every thing necessary for the School except lights. They furnish books, pens, ink, & pencils for boys, & charge their scholars, one dollar a piece for 12 lessons. Well, George supplied himself with the necessary writing materials, purchased wood, & hired a team to draw it to the School house, (there are no Negroes in N. England to go into the woods. Dick) sawed up the wood with his own hands, & piled it up in the cellar, and at the appointed time, went to commence his School, when lo & behold, not half that had signed his paper, & agreed to attend were there. He knew not what might have happened, & after keeping School

one evening with his pen scholars, appointed another meeting, when I still never attended — not enough to pay his actual outgoes, & should he go thro' with the class. And all this without assigning any reasons. Those who were present professed to be highly pleased with his teaching, & no fault, or could be learned, was found from any source. The simple fact was, they had signed the paper, & then concluded not to attend the school. George was obliged, after losing about a week's labor, & paying for his fare to Manchester, & his stationary purchased there, to pay also for his board, & give away his wood, & come home, to crown all the expenses of this abortive enterprise were met by borrowed money from the treasury of this Female Benevolent Society in this place, whose purse, as you know, is kept by your mother!

I might enlarge this chapter, but it is sufficiently long for one chapter of the "Shady Side" in the family of

A Country Minister.

P.S. George's health, since he left home & study, is greatly improved. He has gained flesh, & is now headed than ever before. I think all he wants now to make him quite well is a Strong Mercury plaister to promote his free breathing. There is a degree of tightness about the head, which needs to be removed, and which I think may be effectually remedied by a plaister of a peculiar char-

Dunbarton N. H.
March 23

Apr 6

Mr. Isaac S. Metcalf C.E.
Du Quoin, Perry Co.
Ill.

of business & study. I speak now for appearances. They appear to have perfectly fixed attention to all our observations, and their countenances indicate a high degree of pleasure.

Perhaps you will wonder how "Father" can sleep in such circumstances. Well, I am not pretending to sleep much, just now, but am devoting myself to the pleasures of domestic life. Ah! what sort of a treat will the sermon to-morrow, which is the Sabbath, or how will you like this date? Good, I expect, now our excellent friend William Ward, agent of the Foreign Mission Society, is entertained here this afternoon to spend the Sabbath with us, and he knows, is one of the most interesting of all the agents in the field, whether for home or abroad. His visit is

Yours

Father & Mother
Dumbarton Feb 28, 1864
Bangor Maine Feb 15-

snow - so I concluded to stay at home alone. Where I am in this room I am comfortable & safe. There can be a more comfortable room in the world - unless elegance makes it so. [illegible] We were no more disappointed than we were in their not coming here last season. With they not come with you, when you return. Sometime, I think Isaac will come & to leave you & Chicago next summer, or, he finds a home. This I do wish you could have, but, perhaps you are too happy, then.

What does Isaac think of the plan of the Germans, proposed in Chicago? My eyes are weak, & they will be more painful & unpleasant while the snow covers the [illegible]

27th Ed Moreland came here this morning before I had taken off my nightcap. The young girl was going to Concord today & she wished to be here at meeting this P.M. I may happy to see her. She says I must give her love to you.

The sick are all better, except Kimball Wilcox. There is not much expectation that he will ever be well.

Give my love to your dear mother,

tell her, I rejoice with her that she has so much good society in her dear children.

I do not find any flannel about that is yours as I know certainly, and believe the others I might not distinguish from mine.

This is written wonderfully bad the first part in the evening but you can decypher it.

What do you Isaac think of Ros. Smith's letter to the Peace Soc.? Love to all. Wish I could send an apple to Mary.

Dame Shubael, Sylvanus, put in a little maple sweetened with sugar. I think would do little. Fennel & Caraway good - correct & strengthen them - given in a teaspoonful or two a day.

Your ever affec. Mother.

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

your father went with them in the sleigh as far as Mr C.
Bailey's. Geo. had come cold - So he had written to you
I need not say more of him. Many say to us When are
they coming back to D - What shall we tell them?

Dunbarton, N.H.
March 15. 1853

Brownville, [illegible]

I should like it if we could get pretty well fallen up -
before you come - but this at this season we do not expect - Will try to
save a few apples - I think you will have no time to stitch wristbands.
but I will make a Mark - which you can use if necessary. Love
to your good Mother & sisters & Alex glance Lee, & touch feet -
Mr Safford & Horrace Caldwell felt the edge of them - but the
wounds were not bad. Shall be glad if Isaac does not get cold in
his foot. Wish we could tell you of such good meetings as you have there

George Dunbarton
March 16 1846
Gilmanton

Dunbarton Saterday 16 184[illegible]

My Dear Sister.

I do not know what to write to you. I am going to Mr. Marshalls to live this summer, & I hope that I shall do well. I went to town meeting & the second day I made 84 cents, I sold 50 cents worth of apples & cake, I gave mother 25 cents to pay for the apples & cake that I sold. we have heard from Henry, he is well & can make 6 pair of shoes in a day & not work late. to night is the night for a fugitive slave to come here, to tell his experience in slavery, but it is so bad that I do not think that he will come I expect to get through with Geography before I go to Mr. Marshalls, I have got within 61 pages of the end. I am study grammer. & I pass in the Rhetorical Reader & study spelling besides these. As I was sitting in the nursery with mother I was thinking of the Sailor Boy's thoughts of Home, I thought that I would write a composition on Sailor's Thoughts of Home. I shall try to write it next week and send it in the next letter that we send, I think that your Fanny will be, to laugh when you read this letter. Excuse bad writing and mis-spelling. Love from all, especially from Dear Mother.

Yours Affectionately.

George A Putnam.

Dunbarton: March. 16,

My Dears Sister

To day Father preached about the prodigal son. It was very interesting. He told about his wandering away from home, & his spending his money for extravagant living, his being among the swine and his returning to his father's house. This afternoon he told about John 6, Colt. Matman away from his home and thought that he should do better if he could only get away from his parents; but he did not do near so well when he got away from home. He too spent it properly for riotous living, & when he was angry with a man he killed him. While he was in his dark cell, and nothing could have any effect, or more a musill of his face, a lock of his mothers hair made him weep

Affectionately
George A. Putnam,

Letter to Mother
Letter, Dunbarton March 31 1855
Miles Ager. 10, 1855

Home Cottage Dunbarton

March 31th 1855;

My dearest Sister Nettie;

Father has that "eternally now" about him as "St Clare" said Miss Ophelia had so in compliance with his command I have to commence writting a letter to you, know before I have time to collect my flying thoughts and but them in proper shape for a letter, but after all I believe this is the best way, for he allway gets along well, and even better than those that allway put off things to to morrow. What do you suppose I am at home for? I suppose you think it to scare the Injuns off, or some such thing, but you are mistaken to puzzle your brain about it for I intend to tell you if you will wait. Manchester is in arms! or at least the laboring part of it have declared that they wont work more than Ten hours a day in the mills. This was caused by the increase of hours this winter from 11 to 14 a day! and one and all declared they would not submit to such tyranny, the Mill on the Mam. and Stark Corp. were stop entirely, and the Amoskeag run with only one third its help. So after getting my

I have come home. Some 2000 have left Manchester for their homes to wait the result, what it will be I don't know. I can do nothing for that girl now anyway. Should things be settled I will do all I can further in the way of getting her a place. Father is not willing that I should work on the 14 hour system, nor does I want to. I think it is too much for any one to work in those hot mills, and it more than to bad to have to eat breakfast at five o'clock in the morning! That is what they tryed to make the Operatives do.

Spring seems to be slowly coming on here among the granite hills but it does not come as fast as I wish it would. I long to have the sunny spring mornings come when the birds will sing merily on the trees when the soft blowing air of Summer will flood over hill and dale causing the little flowers to start from their hiding place and cast their fragrance abroad. I do love Spring more than any other season of the year except Autumn there is something so beautiful in the varied hues of that month that one cannot help but admire if even they do as decay marks

on every object upon which one cast the eye.
April 9th. This is Sabbath day Within a quiet one such as you find no where but in Dumbarton. April has truly come with its smiles and its tears. All day & most has the rain poured down in torents, and now as evening comes on the sun has looked out for a few moments just long enough to let us know that he has not forgotten entirely to look out. Now dark clouds hover around all over the sky hiding the sunlight so on some peoples life obscured by dark fearful looking clouds with not one ray of sunlight to guide the future! Father has preached all day I do love to hear him often listening so long to Mr. Barbitt long closely studied ones, I did not like Mr B. as well as some else I must confess. I like ministers that are short in their discources much better than those who are long, and I guess most every one does. I think short appeals do as much good to the unconverted and even more than long ones, for they get tired, and keep thinking how they wish the minister would stop for they are tired or at least that is the way I used to feel and imagined other people do not feel much

Dear Dr. [illegible]

if any different, I should think those lakes you wrote about must be beautiful if I only knew what to call them, I fear you will have to send a Dictionary with your letter if you write many such big words, for you must remember we are very plain people that live among these hills!
Don't it seem almost to bad to make prisoners of those beautiful little fish and shut them up in the tiny pans! I think it does when they are so happy in their silvery home I am sure I should not wish to be pulled up by my head out of my pleasant on the pleasure of some giant! I am glad May remembers aunt Minnie, please kiss them for me and tell Dey she must be a dear good little boy.
Had a long letter from cousin Frank, before I came home. You must excuse this dull letter for I do not feel very bright just now Good bye write soon, and I will answer as soon

coming sister

(Love to brother D.)

Jenny.

Boston Mass. Apr. 19 1865

Dear Children,

Mother got the letter from you ma'ed last Sunday & was very glad to hear from you. I believe I answered all the questions asked in it were mailed about the same time so I shall have little to do by way of reply. That little will be soon done now.

I thank Lizzie for her correct spelling. I should have understood without an explanation.

Dr. G. is liked very well, & has been very generally employed when a Dr. is needed. He has been very successful. We think he understands his profession well. He studies, & keeps into his own till he sees the bottom. He is a little bit of a man but will never be imposed upon.

Now, Hattie, our hearts & doors are always open to receive you & yours, & to do all in our power to do so, to make you happy. do to help—I think if we speak in season—we might obtain it—Mrs Widow L. Bailey has nursed Mrs. C. Bailey & others. George came home last eve—says the Principal of B. Academy at P—will remain only two. This is sorry. If he can study somewhere else, & shall leave—so Jenny, we now think, will stay at home & attend the district sch. which will be short. If she does well, to go to sch. in the Fall if we have a sch. &c. &c.

Now, you & Isaac, know all about the commencement & comfort here & at Maine—& must decide the where it will be best for you to be. Where you can be the happiest, & where he will. Prefer to have you

My health is quite as good as
when you left here. & we all
wish very much to see you.
It seems as tho. there was the place for
you my dear daughter. & yet if Isaac
should be with you any part of the time
he would enjoy being there much the best, as
he has that the point to which all communi-
cations are addressed. But you
know better than we do; do what you
think best & we will acquiesce.

Salutatory one. George was chosen
to prepare a Valedictory for the close
my scene at P. etc I said before, Mr
Emerson & his Assistant Sister are
Both going to leave. Geo. wrote
yesterday an excellent piece on Dis-
cipline, for a declamation. & this
was to proceed the Valedictory.
which he also wrote yesterday.
Mrs. Kimball is evidently failing
Sarah Jane & Hannah were both
at meeting this afternoon.
The Dr seems pathetic & prays
with his patients. He is delighted
with the scenery here, thinks it
the most pleasant place he ever
was in.
We have had very good preaching

day & if it should be accompanied with the converting influences of the Holy Spirit, what joy would be, in this place.

I can tell you of nothing encouraging unless that Mr Burnham seems more engaged than usual & he speaks very well - Thinks what he is going to say. & says it with a feeling heart.

We are all in the large room, & Georgy are studying & playing. It does sound sweetly.

Dear Nellie, let us live by faith in Jesus. Let us labor to bring every thought into subjection to Christ to acquiesce in all that comes upon us. Ask each dear little boy to give up his will, to yield to the will of his parents. It will help him to yield to the requirements of God. Oh I trust the minds of our dear children, who have been taken away are now opening to receive that blessedness which eye hath not seen, nor the heart of man here conceived. I trust those who are here are preparing (pray with your Ma) for the same enjoyment. Dearly I ought to rejoice.

Love to all.

Dunbarton. Mother. May 15
1855

Bangor May 1855.

life at one swift step. Age, a thousand memories hang around this ever-more lives in a Ship. honored with the proud name of the "National Frigate". Had she a tongue, & power to speak, the thousand people that crowded the wharf to visit her, would hang breathless to catch the history of her words. as she told them of Genoa, glorious Rome; of Malta, Athens and the Plains of Troy, where she once spread a fourth of July; of Constantinople, the Bosphorus & the Black Sea; the Grecian Archipelago, Isles of the ancient Joppa and Jerusalem; and the many things she has seen among the islands of Bermuda. She has sailed in both oceans, & on the coast of both Hemispheres, and in her own adopted element has won imperishable Glory for Country & Honor for herself. Now, she has just returned from a two years & three months voyage in the Mediterranean & on the coast of Africa, and lies here at the wharf, only a few rods from me, in all her beauty, power & strength, on the bosom of the smooth water, like a slumbering lion.

There are 3 Forts, viz: Sullivan, Washington, Constitution & McHenry. The first two are great embankments, thrown up in 1812, for the defence of the harbor, on which the Battle was fought at their summit where once stood armed men with their implements of death, they are not visible to the stranger. Fort Constitution is a huge stone battery 50 feet high & 16 deep, & cannon are constantly mounted at the present time, ready for use at a moments warning. The Soldiers are not now there. They were sent away about 18 months since. I perished at the burning of ship "San Francisco". Since then it has been occupied solely by one man, who keeps it. Fort McHenry is also a stone building, upon an island, directly opposite Constitution. Within the battery is a beautiful mound of earth, lifting itself in an graceful plane, some 40 feet. On the top of this is a small house of a hexagon form with port holes on each side to accommodate the cannons. There now is neither powder nor Cannon. & the soldiers have not been there since the War. The aged man who keeps it, with his wife, occupy this hexagon building. It is very neat & is certainly quite a romantic place to live. Being so near the sea, & so located, we [illegible] this. It is a favorite spot. [illegible] the [illegible] the [illegible] the

Fourth of July eve. Last Wednesday, "and at midnight there was a great cry!" Cannons booming; Horns sounding; Drums beating; The illuminations & fireworks; the ringing of bells; the national hurrahs all told the 4th year of 90 years had run away by the blood of '76; that the people remembered the struggle of their fathers. It was about 8 o'clock the anniversary of that day when the cry "Liberty" declared the country free from the British yoke. At 12 o'clock (noon) the ship Hartford - Farragut's flagship, gave their national salute of 44 guns. That made the ground tremble and the hills echo & re-echo the thunderous roars. At night again cannons & bells - & men, for a full hour, sent up their long & loud "Hurrah" - till it shall come again.

At 6 o'clock A.M. I started in the "Silver Star" commanded by Capt. Blakeney, for the Isles of Shoals. A pleasant sail of five hours and we came up along side Star Island one of the nine that make up "the Shoals," leaving York Island at the Landward. Then making ahead to "Gosling Rock" we moored. You will want to know what the Shoals look like. Imagine, with some others, you have passed a pleasant kind of Prairie land where you could take a daily drive upon the beach, and stroll about. No, no, not so. A rougher, coarser, more jagged, craggy, torn (broken mass of zigzag rock, my eyes never rested on. The Shoals are nothing but rock, scarce green enough upon the whole, to make a verdant wreath to crown a May Queen. Visit if you have a day or two, and the opportunity, I should say - take a trip to the Shoals & hear the big waves roar & see them break upon the rock, - There is beauty & sublimity in it, a charm to one who loves the grand & the awful in Nature, - who loves to see & hear the beating of Old Ocean's heart.

After looking about as much as possible in the time, we again went aboard the boat, & leaving our "Star Island," - made our course for Portsmouth, where we landed about five o'clock P.M. Thus passed "the 4th" with me.

July 6th - Last night in the fort was the last military on the Navy yard. I have never been entertained with so pleasing a congregation. The U.S. Marines, in their white pants - blue coats, trimmed with red, & caps with tri-colored belt & sash mounted with burnished brass - and glittering bayonets & shoulder-

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Sir Col with headed Commodore, and many Sir Captains with their white pants & vests. Epaulettes heavy with large gold bullions & spangles upon their shoulders, the insignia of their office; with their wives & families; Some clergymen of both sexes promoted sons; the common sailor & the common soldier made up the assembly. It was all new to me. The worship was after the order of the Episcopalian, the minister robed in a silken habit. Such liturgy seems too cold & formal to please me.

In the afternoon I attended the Christian Baptist Church in Kilby Street to hear Mr. Gale - a travelling minister. Some liked him very much, but I did not. His matter was good, but his manner troubled me. He repeatedly used bad grammar; mispronounced words; and actually sang his sermon, pitched to a very high key. This accompanied with inappropriate gesticulation, better suited to the stage than the pulpit, did not recommend the man much to me. He was unusually earnest & I doubt not, is a good man. I suppose we ought to judge the spirit of such things, rather than the dress, and I hope I did not lose sight of the truth he preached to us. I think however, that good things ought to deserve to be well dressed and well delivered, else in this disguised age they might not be recognized. And altho' I may seem to act the part of a critic, rather than a christian - hearer, yet I feel that in my present circumstances, with my present views, it is a subject not to be overlooked by me. This is my rule "this ought I to do and not to leave the other undone".

My own dear Fanny has been in Boston a number of weeks visiting friends. She seems to be enjoying herself in the main; visiting all the interesting spots in Boston & vicinity. She has been to Concord Hill Monument, old South Church, Faneuil Hall, Bunker Hill Monument &c. &c. Oh how my heart burned within me as I stood upon that floor & gazed upon the portraits of those noble sons of freedom. "The Declaration" "The Battle of Bunker Hill Monument". How every true american heart must thrill with rapture as it beats within that monument - on the spot - consecrated to Liberty - I feel a faint shadowing of that noble courage - that patriotism - that must have filled the breasts of those brave men who fought for their country

Henry Andover Mass North Andover Feb 23 1876.

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My dear sister Antoinette.

Since I received your last letter I have been well but one day when I was chaneling round a sole I het my knife slip and cut my thumb white above the joints clear to the bone, a gash about an one inch and a half, the blud ran, and I run down stare and washed the blud off & an Mrs Kimball got a needle and threded it with silk and sowed it up. It was about 9 o'clock I mand one shoe after that the next day I went to work as usual it is now as well as ever.

I was verry much surprised when I herd that Mr Charles Bailey had kild himself I kind of this before you wrote in Lawel I yet along well shoemakeing can make six pairs in a day and play with the steers an hour or two. Mr Kimball likes me very well and says he shall keep me through the summes and work on shoes part of the time, which will be a great advantage to me for I shall learn

making shoes. I have but very little time this morning excuse bad writing and spelling and Mother in her letter writes down the words that I spell wrong and then writes them down write please do the same.

From your ever affectionate brother,

Henry N. Putnam.

Antoinette B. Putnam.

Gilmanton.

N. H.

Lambertville, N. J.
Feb. 24, 1865.

My dear Susie,—

How glad
am I two days ago to re-
ceive a full letter from your-
self. It did me good; the same
day came one from home
good! good again! Those
letters from the family members
do more to purify the blood
than all doctories ever made.

Yes. Nettie once more in
Pennbroke — a student — (that's
my joy) in my old room, with the
school mates about me. This is
pleasant. Here I have friends. &
no — my enemies & how bitter —

What a curious crooked way runs my path in life. When I look back upon it, it seems to me like an enduring Granite. Here is the Bright Shining Mica. Here the coal black Journalism. Here is dead Cathy Archibald. Yes, Joy, Sorrow Happiness, misery, hope realized, hope disappointed, all come up together in the breeze of Memory.

Ah! Sister I do believe it does one good to be disappointed - cast down - kicked, almost killed if so God lifts him up at last. It will take full twice the weight to crush him next time. It will not do!

Sister, No one can overturn my plans. I have but one. It is to find a good man's grave. Is not this the end of every christian? Let was the weasel headed world. This way (that, let it suck the blood from out the young & virtuous heart. It's only dust; flesh & blood never enter Heaven. They who force us to the grave, but force us home. Is it not so, my Sister?

I recite French Grammar, read Piccola, & hear the two Ladies in Geometry; one in Philosophy & one in Cicero. This occupies me pretty well,

The other day brought me a letter from home, & a most welcome one it was I assure you. I hope, I believe, that you and I shall know more of Dear Bet. But more of that in a few months. My visit to Hawley was very pleasant. I did not see Cousin Nana, as she was visiting in Malden, but cousin Jane Maxwell, Hatty & Wood. Her little girl, Fannie Maria, a year old is a little darling, I fell quite in love with her, it had not been there an hour before she climbed up into my lap, put her arms loving around my neck, placed her cheek to mine. I refused to leave me till her Mother took her away. She is very handsome.

Henry Haverill Mass.
April 6. 1850
~ 29 Dunbarton

Haverhill Apr. 6. 1850.

My Dear Sister.

We have had a very stormy week for the first of April, a real driveing snow storm; very unfavorable for the mason business. How do you succeed with your school? Is it as pleasent as you had anticipated. Apr 28. I have been wateing almost three weeks, expecting a letter from home but it has not come yet.

When I went to work for Mr. Carlton. I asked him what wages we're to be this summer? He told me that he had hierd any person then and could not tell, but said he wanted me to go to work and he would speak to me about wages sometime about the middle of Apr. But he did not; so to night I went to him and made a bargin. He agreid to give me $30,00 per. month and board and keep me at work as long as he

has it. I think it is very good wages for a boy 18. years old.

Apr. 24th Mr. Mills and Kimball Wilson have been here and took dinner with me. they brought me a letter from home they were all well, had one letter from Mr. Metcalf. of Main perhaps you have heard of him? If so I should be very glad to receave any information retpecting him.

Apr. 27. To day I have been plastering at the west Parish for Mr. Hazelton. He is a very pleasent man to work for. He showed me the place where Father learned the platers traide, and told me some of his youthful adventures.

Yesterday I had an invitation sent me by some young ladys to accompany them in a May party with other Gentlemen; do not know weather I shall except or not.

Write soon, and excuse me for delaying this letter so long.

Yours truly,

H.M. Putnam.

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Miss. A. B. Putnam,
Dunbarton,
N.H.

[illegible] Natural History. It made a considerable
progress in this [illegible] and is [illegible] geography. He has given us some account of his progress
of Table — which has been very interesting. He will
[illegible] us more shortly about the 1st of Sept.
[illegible]
[illegible] a great deal of love to you all & all
kind friends. May the blessing of the Lord rest
ever abide with you.

Sister Nettie, — While the [illegible] dinner-getting
goes on, I'll just give you a peep in to the Northwest room. Here I am just returned from Mr. Rimmer's
this morning & [illegible] a boat ride on the mist
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] & [illegible]
for [illegible] that pleasure. It is different
from [illegible] water, but still very pleasant. I was glad
to receive so long and good a letter from you a few days
since. I will return the compliment when I get to College. College! That word sounds to me
like the distant squeaking of some great pig that
leads in an industrial Gymnasium! I hope, under
the various exercises, my muscles will grow strong,
and I shall come out, able to perform many feats,
of body. That magnifies the beauties of the world; at least
one, [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. I
now see that the land like the water lies in waves — [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
the [illegible], while the breakers foam & the [illegible] are out
in the breakers, and [illegible] flowers more distinctly in the
sunny, mountains that [illegible] the air for 20 miles around
with their sharp [illegible] — in the morning [illegible]. And many
of those things I might [illegible] but Language [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Lumberton, Aug. 16, 1855.

Dear Isaac

Thanks for your interesting letter, giving us so many particulars respecting your journey. It was gratifying to learn that your real estate in Illinois is doing so well, — earning money for you, it seems, while you are asleep, even [illegible] more men can earn it by hard work. Well, I trust you are sensible from [illegible] that God's perfect gift, & that you esteem it a privilege to improve your possessions to his glory. It becomes us ever to realize that we are but stewards for God, and to act as those who must give an account. This will be for our own happiness, both here & hereafter. So the truly benevolent soul, one of the greatest of all sources of happiness, is the "luxury of doing good." May you, my dear son, enjoy this luxury, on a large scale. I call from you, on your return from the West, would have been exceedingly gratifying; but contrary you was justified in yielding to the urgent importunities of Mrs & Children. We hope yet to have you & your family, inmates of our household, unless I am should too soon

[illegible]

Walter Dunbarton
June 2 9, 1855
Brownsville July 18 1855.

Sister Lucia is the first one I have seen quite lame in the Hall. She D.s. calls it Chronic rheumatism. I have been nursing her - for this morning I had a severe pain in my shoulder - took to one side of my head. Was relieved by applying a folded Towel wet in cold Water with a little salt. When lying in bed must be wrapped up in flannel. Am not able to go out. It has been, several days - a little cooler now. 8 o'clock P.M. 22. A little time to chat with Mr John Mason & Miss H. Morse. Good company - Miss H. does one good to visit them - & I trust we may be made them a comfort.

Expected a letter fr. my dear daughter but none came. I do desire to hear from you & Isaac & Mary often in these days, your father has been as he usually is in warm weather troubled with bowel complaint. I & I have had considerable nursing to do this week; but I am thankful to do it quite comfortable. I believe we have no other thing to you about here, except we have a new teacher. We expect to have a change now & then. Mr Franklin's Seminary closed - to commence the 15th of Aug. Possibly we may board him.

I have cut out one pr. of shirts for Geo. & have done the past week about as much as to make 3 more. How thankful I ought to be that I am able to do much.

July 8th It is 25 years this day since your dear father was installed Pastor

tor of. this Chh. your father has prea
ch-given some interesting facts in
regard to the Chh, and by diligent re
search but from it is gathered. The
last was—'Ebenezer' Thus far hath the
Lord helped.)

Facts

1783 Chh. forme. 11 members
1792 Revival. 30 added to Chh.
1792 Revival. 30 in one year.
1816 Revival. 40 in two years.
1824 Revival. 30 in one year.
1830 Present house erected.
1831 Revival. Protracted meeting
18 days. 50, to Chh.
1842 "
1850 each year 12 were rec'd.
Deaths, average in 25 years,
6 Chh members. one 14th
of all.

Reflections.

The benefits of revivals.
Reasons for being humble
& grateful. Ah! be
Prayerful & Active.

Today, Feb 12 it is cold & windy. How
nice it would be making a bird population
in our cellar, by opening a window to the sou
tomorrow, of about one third, the south view.
If it had been here 20 yrs ago what
a comfort it would have been. But I will
be some pleasure to enjoy it now. And
leave it pleasant & comfortable for some
body else. Mr Brown & father have cal
this P.M. also, Dr Y & lady & Hattie Day.
Dr Cobb has one. Laughter. How the
world moves on & we pass to & fro. Change in the family.
Chh & town. Fathers have been over 40

baby waggon - & will buy it if you will
sell it. If you will please say in your
next - for what price. We do not remember
what it cost. May be, if you should be with
us next winter you might wish for it.
& perhaps we can get along quiet as well
without it. So as you think best.
We get but few strawberries this season, com
pared with what we usually have had.
We have had three inquiry meetings - &
have attended three Young Women's - two
young ladies who belong in Gaffstown - One
you saw, at our Pastoral Visit - & - called a
visited of the wife of Sylvester Wilson.
She appears like a devoted christian.
Ex-Governor Lovina Twist, Jenny & Mary
Rider attended the last - 3 in all. Some
time. It seems as tho. God was about to
grant us a general revival - the thing
we so greatly need - but the Chh. as a
body, are not awake -
10th A busy day for me. Work-men will be
here today & part of tomorrow, I suppose. It is
cold & stormy. Snow last night & thick this late, saying
will not be commenced much before next
week. Pray for us - that we may be grateful &
do something for the glory of God & the good of
souls, before we go hence & are here no
more.
A letter from Geo. last week said - Well.
Julia has recovered, so as to be out some.
We think, now, no one took the disease from
her. Oh, how I do long to see you & Phaps.
Let us trust in the Lord at all times.
But, be happy & cheerful.
Love to Father, Mother, Jenny & Nicholas

Monday eve.

My Dear A.

I have washed today &c &c. been to meeting Mr P. & M. and had company to tea H. Colby. so I have only a few moments to write you. Grandma went to meeting yesterday forenoon & today has set up but very little. but does not appear sick.

O how much I think of you as a professor of the religion of Jesus Christ. O my dear child examine yourself daily - and never - O never be satisfied to live at the cold rate of most professed Christians. Be often at the throne of grace. Do nothing that will

lead your heart away from
God. the Lord said he
was well acquainted with
the Hodgden family; he
said they were brought up
irreligiously. and any of any
of them had religion - their
standard was very low.
You may burn this when
you have read it. I say
this to you that you may
be on your guard when
necessarily with them.
and try to do such ones
good - I shall send you
two or three Advocates
let Mrs. Ballard read
them and your family friend
if they will & Mrs P.

They are excellent

I have been struck
with the very large proportion
of girls of the age of 14 or 15 that
have been led away by those who
pretended to love them - betrayed
& ruined - It had made me think
more of you & dear Frances -
I hope you will treat young
men of known good character
with respect but receive no
special marks of attention
from any until you are of
a mature age - and then with
the advice of Parents - at no
age do you need to watch &
pray more than at yours.
Think much of being decided
Christians. of doing your duty.
& of doing nothing that God
would disapprove. Then &
our God will bless you as he
loves to bless his children.

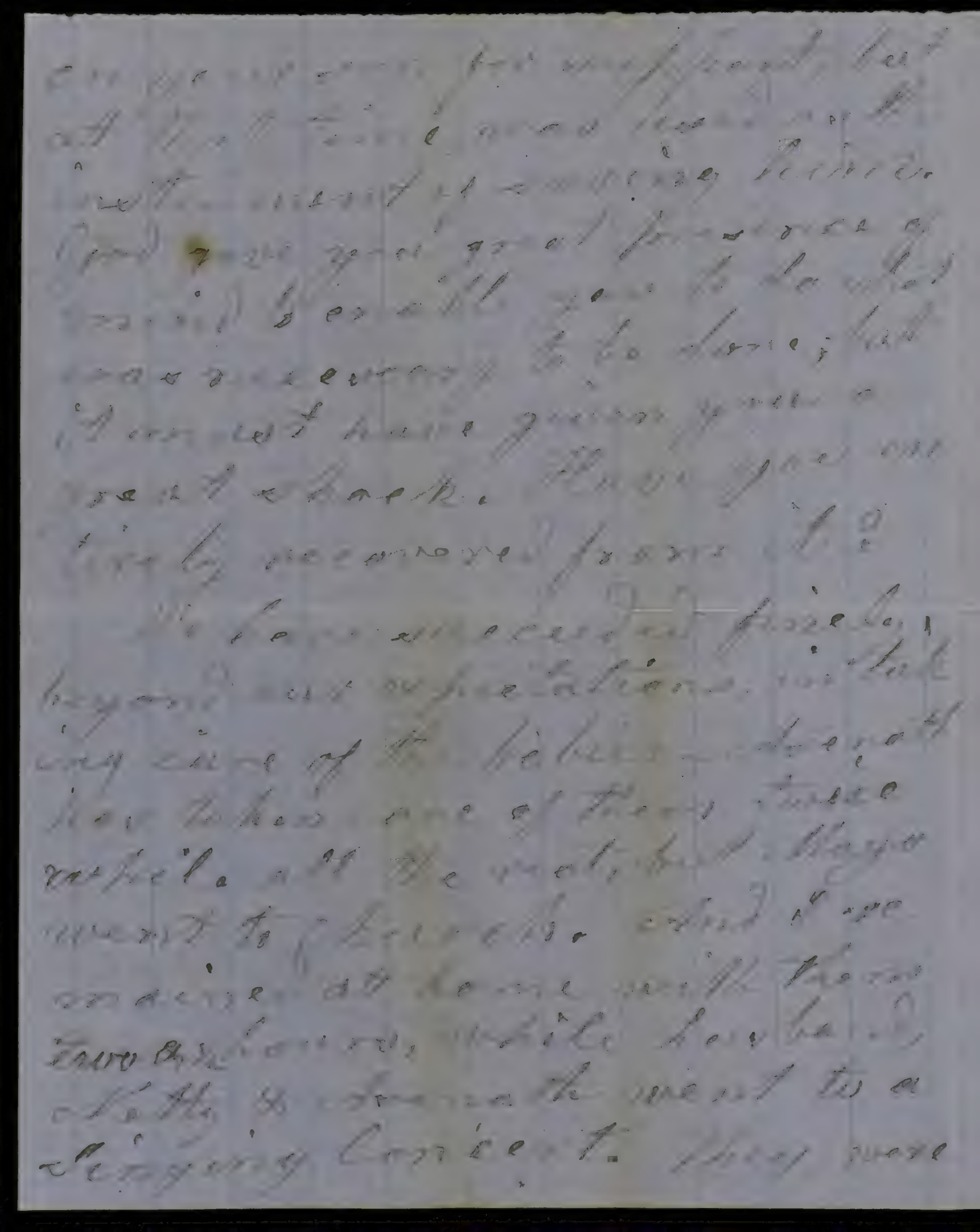
Yours affectionately
A. H. O.

I suppose I should like to have more
news.

Love - Love - Love.

Mrs. A. B. Lathrop
Concord.

Concord



Mother. Dumbarton Gunboat Ch. R. 3d - 56.
Nov. 8. 1865

Elgrien ~

My Dear children,

If you die not soon
write at Norcross, the
remains of our dear Alice will that day
to be committed to the grave, it will
please you to find that it was even so. Do
not let this, or any of the calls we have had
to be ready to meet our God prove useless
arousing us better Christians. If we are
so old people have left us to remain longer
here on God's footstool. & those we once knew
(very society cheerer) are taken away
"Even so, Father, for so it seemeth good in
the sight."

Mr Hardy is coming down, & we have moved
to the north room for a few days until things are
regulated.

Hannah K. came home Tuesday met your
letter you'll not receive this. She has
called here & gone home

Yesterday afternoon seemed as early autumn
even little evening chat warm we felt. The
last evening I was to hear which she
did an hour or two in the Guardian.

she has just gone in to clean the room

days. give my love to them tell them I
am getting along finely, miss them very
much especially little Lilian.

Elizabeth sends love too. she thinks of
going home to stay a day or two. then will go
turn & stay as long as I can.

We have had an invitation to dine with
Mrs Emerson at Thanksgiving - if we have
one.

Jenny, We find a key which we fear belongs
to your trunk - if you wish it sent to you
write. & we can send it in a letter. Is Jane
also your parasol - box of pens &c - will
there be any way to send anything to you a
cept by letter?

We found a stranger in our house
cupboard, yesterday. Please say, To whom
does it belong? & what did it cost?

I am now quite tired. I must close

With much love to you all

Mother.

Gaining a little.

Sunbeam, Nov. 19, 1854

Dear Children:

Our hearts were made truly glad by the arrival of your letter, informing us of your safe arrival & your present welfare in good health. We hope to hear from you again very soon, & learn particulars respecting your situation. — We rather think we shall get a letter from Fanny by the next mail — hope we shall from you all. It is pleasant to have something from each one. to have a large sheet filled, by several different hands. This seems like a real family confab. — Last Friday, I received a wreath to be laid on Mother Joy's tomb & she wished to be left, not

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thinking it best to trouble Mr. Caldwell, tho' he kindly offered to do with her. — We are getting along very kindly with Miss Marshall. She does every thing well, & is willing to stay as long as we wish her to.

This afternoon, the monuments for the dear little ones who lie in their graves, were brought, & erected in proper order. The marble is very beautiful, & well wrought. The man who brought the stones supposed, he said, that Mr. Metcalf had more arrangements with me to settle for them. I told him nothing of the kind had been mentioned to me, but that I would write to Mr. Metcalf immediately on the subject. Please say in your next, Dear, what it is, or shall be done.

Ever affec. Your father,
John M. Putnam.

Dec. 9 - 1886.

Dear Children.

Your father went out to tell where to place the grave-stones - but only Mayo was taken from the wagon before he came in so he had to stand in the snow & was very cold. He went out after the man had left & discovered a mistake for which he was very sorry. It is Williams R. Trey. Can there be a correction?

Betty, Did you carry that cook-stove with you, or exchange it for something? I have had nothing done yet to dress or cloak. Eliza will go home to spend a few days of Thanks-giving & then if I cannot do any better I suppose she will come again. She is very careful about the cooking - nice bread & never a biscuit burned in warming.

I am some stronger - but go no farther than from the study to the kitchen & back, if I can avoid it. Mend a little

Father was here yesterday

most of the day - wished to be remembered to you all affectionately. She is going to work in Manchester. Eliz also & Hannah send love to all & kisses for Willie & Hannah did the house cleaning & Sc better than I expected. very well. Mr Brayham has moved to his house & Mr. Mills to this.

A little snow fell Friday night some sleighs were used on Saturday & once - but better wheeling.

With this, tomorrow I shall mail to Mrs Anderson - what you left. With this we send one to you, ~~with this~~ too, giving from Xmas

I do not feel able to write much - tho. I wrote this week to Sister Rand & with husband's help to Mrs Lacey.

Love to all & kind regards to Dr & Mrs De Witt

Your affectionate
Mother.

Is Elyria / your father's health is a little / gradually improving - not able yet to preach.

Mother.
Dumbarton Dec. 6, 1865 [illegible] Dec. 6 — 1865.
Elgin. [illegible] day a.m.

My Dear Children. This eve we rec'd a letter from Fed. & he wrote that he had a letter fr. Sally last week on Saturday. Why do we receive none? It is two weeks this day, & we are disappointed that there was nothing from E. for us. Jennie, have you no pens, or pen-holders? If you have, why do they not move?

Your father is preaching today; many thanks to our heavenly Father. May it be what your dear grand-mother Putnam used to call "a great day" i.e., may some souls yield to the claims of the gospel. The foundation of his preaching is the 12th of 1. Cor. Do you see the N. York Independent? Did you notice a letter from the Pres. sent to Rev. ? Caffery. Please read it my dear daughters - until you feel its spirit fill your hearts. Do you see the Ch. & Guardian? Dec. 9th Jennie, I wish you could read it.

Perhaps the regulations of the chh. there will not admit of your uniting so soon as Ch. as you must be received on examination. But dear Jennie, Weigh this matter well &

When you do go forward - let it be with a whole hearth to do the will of your heavenly Father. Do not forget to read Fanny Goldsmith's letter. Does not Dr D. tell take the Independent - this is alluding to the kind notice in which I have written to [illegible] said these words are very encouraging when they came from one whose [illegible] have set you in the same golden road to all other [illegible] we pursue that [illegible] on life. I praise a pure heart more than of the creed!!! Now, kind [illegible] - but I have never taken any other — and, now I am saved for ever [illegible] almost death to life [illegible] health - this is that all [illegible] to have a [illegible] - they [illegible] - [illegible] to be clothed [illegible] than gold or silver. [illegible] - for this is [illegible] - [illegible] the heart - for this is the root from which kind words must grow - In my last I asked Fannie to give me a sketch of one day's occupations at home. Dear Hattie, I wish the same favor of you - and if I can [illegible] to get the letters of another day - then we will all be received very gratefully. I have been living over the [illegible] - one I have been living except the two weeks without father left, except [illegible] friendly. your father is so very kind to all his [illegible] ways - that we seem to need no more — after I went home I did not go down cellar for some time, but now for several days - I do - Yes, your father when down there is careful to bring up something

[illegible] we have been favored with
[illegible] letter. Reader — [illegible] hap-
pen to wish that the words of the mes-
sage might be for the glory of
the village. We like to be proud of it much.
Mr L (Parker said) it was one of the
most beautiful places in all the West.
I shall like to see every convenient
[illegible] that you are enjoying. Have com-
pleted, that is, given one more
[illegible] to, than it would [illegible]
there is no room that embraces
many comforts, not to say elegancies
as after stern life will require, I greatly rejoice
[illegible] to me. I greatly rejoice
that the health of each one has so fine
proved. I made inquiring by line alone
to place either of you where you would
be well.

Jennie, my dear, I am very sorry to
[illegible] the Chh. of Christ, on the ground of
your own [illegible] If you do your
duty you will certainly [illegible] the Chh.
above. I trust you have [illegible]
[illegible] shall), to live in the world,
enter the Chh. With perseverance for [illegible]
veins. Be determination to do here-
after the will of God as it is made
known to us in his word.

(I have just finished) my Clark dress. I sew
my stitch myself. Commenced cutting it about the
1st of Nov. The skirt of my dress lies just as
it did when I wrote before. Perhaps I may have the
[illegible] if I must wash. I thank you for what you
sent — but do not send me any more money

until I am more ready. Now When Ed H.
was about to leave I went peeping round to see
What I could find. I found flour, Sugar treat-
& Tapioca Sago & Today I looked into a pitcher
& found it full of dry dates I suppose I think
I shall soak them & try them in a pudding or so
of raisins. Tell Isaac, These kind deeds will
be stored away in my casket, where no moth can
it will not be injured by receiving deeds as
well as words; & if I knew of a kind
thought towards so vile a being as
I am - I would store it away as a gem of indescrib-
able value.

Sat. Very snowy. Had it been fair I thought I should
try going to meeting. We have spoken to Mr Mills to help
Ike there this Winter.

Mary I's letter to you came with one from
her mother to me. Mrs Ireland's daughters
seem disposed to do all that is possible for
their mother's comfort & they appear to ap-
preciate her usefulness in this family.

Dear Children:

Your mother has left a little space
which I will fill with pleasure. Tell Isaac I thank
him very much for the interesting facts he com-
municated respecting your municipal village as well as
for the map of it which he enclosed. He both like the
idea of Fannie's attending school this winter. Is it
the High school is it not, Ed? She will be
careful, I trust, to study only as the state of her health will
warrant, - especially as she will have the kind guardian-
ship & counsel of Mother & Sister. Your account, Fanny
of your journey to Elmira was received, but if had no sig-
nature. Your brother alluded to it in his next letter, as
very interesting. Have you written any letter of sym-
pathy to Dr. Cone's family since the death of their
Maple Your well beloved Pa. J. M. Hutton.

ng a good.

Dumbarton Dec. 28 1854.

Ever Dear Henry,

We wind ourselves up
every evening as a matter of course & it has been
very pleasant & quite a remarkable event throughout
the day. It is, I came to the house of God. For
the first time for 11 months, appears those
dear of the young & some of the old, once with
countenances beaming with pleasure "I am
glad to see you out again". To any such
greetings are cheering but peculiarly so to
the old. Love your dear, dear Jenny, to brighten
the path of the aged pilgrim with a kind act.
I any such you sow, wherever God may place
you.

Your father's health seems fully restored
& I thought today his voice was more than
natural. I hope he may be useful many days
in the Church of Christ. When you go to the house
of prayer, I pray that every chance you may be
to do good. Please tell us something about your
dear sister Helen & Christmas. How goes it
this Christmas Eve!!! Dear
Jenny is not this mine? He married a Mr
Chamberlain from Cattistown. They live in
that little beautiful cottage - built by Lord Lab
Tarah's Mate is a catholic & I don't
know whether you know she has the misery of

[illegible] is now attending school. [illegible]
[illegible] both here attending Miss Fuller's school.
[illegible] you will probably hear from them by letter.
[illegible] have had a fine time at Salt Lake
[illegible] here about 2 days but the weather has been
very bad & have been unable to [illegible] the days.
[illegible] expect to leave tomorrow. When he returns
[illegible] California, he will have [illegible]
years from the day they were married. He has
over a great fur cape & arctic overshoes as low
as the settler's cloak. He says, it [illegible] to
an Indian Chief. When they were in Boston they
were offered $150 for it.

[illegible] you commenced going to school, yet?
[illegible] like to have you tell us something
from school tell us some of the words
that you have had. Have there been
received or have you [illegible]
We [illegible] to teach the [illegible] at
Provo next fall. The pictures around us do
now & then remind us of a laugh here &
with the exception your father made about
Brother [illegible] some other funny [illegible]

What sewing have you done for your
self or [illegible] How did you succeed
at the fair? Your father purchased a Metro-
olay Geography, the other day & thought I will
commence study on it. But this [illegible] Lake
[illegible] & blind at [illegible] gone, who married Lake
[illegible] at Lehi town is teaching a [illegible] there. [illegible]

I believe I wrote you
that Mr Hugh gave us a chick
since that we brot us some fish
and what is more wonderful
we brot us a turkey. I think
it is about 20 years since we had such
a present. Tomorrow it will be what
is called Christmas we shall have our
turkey, will you dine in Boat with us.
The thermometer is sinking 10 above zero
& you may be sure that in a few hours
it will be cold as Christmas. Dec. 23rd
Today, have been covering that chair
wh. you will recollect had a blue hawk
ing cowhing. with coffee cut, your father
has screwed on a board for one to rest
my feet on—so I can use it sometimes
in place of bed or sofa.

We had a letter from Miss Quincy today;
She is an excellent letter writer, the spell
ing & every thing correct. I shall write to
Nellie for you to be more particular also

especially to you [illegible] you are [illegible] to
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
Bessie [illegible] but they can't they might
derive some benefit from your [illegible]
Mrs Lowrie, Mr Hatty Holman is still
living - but in a very unhappy state of
mind - Sarah has been more unwell
since the death of Georgy, her cough bad.
Poor Sarah has been a sufferer most of her
life; but I have no doubt the two lighter
& holier joys, are the fruit of her affliction.
Cold - & snow flying briskly all day.
27th Still blowing blowing very uncomfortable
weather. Probably very few can get to meeting
tomorrow on account of drifts & the wind
coarse & I can write a letter to you.
I can scarcely refrain from crying Paine - or
"Ho Hollow Hollows, Holmans"!
Last eve, Mr Bean lectured here
on common schools.
Lord, to the [illegible] of the living she writes
"the past is the [illegible] for my bereaved daughter Jane
and I pray thee balm into her wounded heart. to add,
"Lady, that early blest!
Rest, in peaceful slumbers, rest
Early rescued from the cares
Which increase with growing years
Whose delights are unrefined
Transient as the scenes behind
Short & sickly are they all
Thornless roses on the stalk!

Father & Mother

Dumbarton Dec 30 1856

Elgrien – Jan – 1857

Dear Nellie:

Dumbarton, Dec. 30, 56.

We rejoice very much that you are all so well & happy and there. Has Isaac got his letter of dismission fr. Milo yet? Is there is no member of the Ch. there who can certify his standing, a letter might, I should think, be obtained fr. a neighboring minister, who was acquainted with the fact, that would answer his purpose. I hope Fanny will unite with the Ch. when you do. She writes us that you & Isaac are very, very kind to her, as kind as any persons can be! Your kindness will doubtless give you great influence over her, which I doubt not will be exerted for good. Kindness has an almost omnipotent power; there is hardly any thing in human nature that will not yield to its control.

Your mother & I are living here in fine style, & injoy ourselves much in our young grandsons; tho' it would, we confess, be de-

cheerful, & add to our pleasure, if we cld. just step in to your room occasionally, & have you & Isaac, step in to ours, & enjoy a social chat. But this cannot be. Separations are the lot of this world. If we ever gain admittance in heaven, we shall there enjoy each other's society, & there separations are unknown.

Thanks to Isaac for the good things he left us at his departure. Sampson says — "What is sweeter than honey?" For my part, I like sugar better, — a noble supply of which we still have, wh. was furnished by your generous hand. The material, too, out of which is manufactured "the staff of life," (as Shakespeare calls it,) still holds out; and a better material for that purpose, are never had. This excellent bread, with the chickens & turkey, kindly presented us by our neighbours, has increased our appetites wonderfully. Well we hope we are grateful for the kindness we receive, & are not unmindful of the great Source whence all good comes.

I have now preached four Sabbaths. My voice seems to be fully restored. I preach without notes, both forenoon & afternoon, and enjoy it much. I feel that notes wld. be a great trouble, if I had them.

We thank you, Isaac & Nettie, for your kindness to Jenny. With your kind care of her, we shall feel that the responsibilities wh. we assumed, when we took her, are met, & we shall ever feel grateful for such kindness.

Affec. for you,

John M. Sherman.

Mother & father Dunbarton Jan 17 — 1857.

Dunbarton Jan 17/57

Elyria —

Dear Nett.

How do you do without Grace? And what do you hear from him? Is Aunt Mercy well as the rest of you? One night 18 I dreamed of holding a babe about a year old dressed in blue flannel. But I was in a vessel on the Atlantic Ocean. It seemed to be my own, but looked like yours.

Another night I dreamed of seeing the body of my first child; I laid my hand on her breast. At some movement like breathing, for a moment I was cheered with the thought that I might yet have a daughter with me. But I awoke & it was all a dream. The reality yet remains the will not return to me, but I shall go to her.

Grandfather thought there were as many as 75 at meeting. It has been cloudy all day. Down to serve at 2 o'clock.

It seems as the Spirit of God must move the people to make such efforts to get out in such weather, & bad traveling.

Dear Kitty, I believe I have not mentioned
to you the death of Dr Prescott who
died a few weeks since. I do not know particulars
many.
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
Mother is recovering so soon how she
will bless her children more more dear,
& grandchildren too. [illegible]
[illegible]
He was more comfortable when [illegible]
but more particularly from [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[

Mother Dunbarton
Jan 3. 1859

Elyrie—

Your letter of the 27th was received about sunset today. While it was snowing very fast. Your father went horse back to the office. We expect few can reach the house all bad tomorrow. Hope the storm will not prevent you from coming. We suppose your Communion is on the 1st Sabbath in the month.

Your father has been particular & fervent in praying for you all ever since we left & after receiving letter. As you desired are especial in these our supplications at the throne of grace. Retired immediately after reading that part. It almost seemed as if you & Jennie were at my ear; but I hope you were looking into your hearts & praising yourselves as God commands to dedicate yourselves to him in Jubilee. May you ever bring forth fruit to his glory.

Last week, Thursday, Mrs Sallee & Brig. Ham called. Tuesday Ethel Emerson Dimond & Sister Nellie H. Colby stayed with us. I

our little table, I believe I have mentioned
it, we have that little table enlarged, it has
one there, & use it for our eating table, it is
so light I can lift it easy) & we can eat
very comfortably if just two things on
the other table. You can hardly imagine how
easy 'tis to do the common work here.
Mrs Fuller has made two long calls
since her sch. commenced & Maria & Helen
Che & Lucy have been at Salem & Boston 2 weeks.
She just returned. I gone to Ludlowville.

My cloak, I that we cut it to better
advantage, cape fashion so I cut it the
way & the pieces seemed all to come right
I lined it with the thin cambric - found a
black silk handkerchief, the face of it well
trimed with velvet ribbon all round, & a
narrow like what was in where the cape
was pieced. I like it. I have sold my black
cloak to Mrs. Leroy Mc. last week I
made clothes Mc. Guffey, as I found she had
none except one I gave her 2 or 3 years ago.
It has not hurt your father at all to go
each. Our people have never made more
effort to get to Ch. Good even Mother

Worcester Dec 27 1856

Dear Sir

We had a letter from
on behalf about Stiper Sloan
he said he wished his brother
to hand the money to us but
did not tell us where he lived
it was some time ago and we
don't like asking very much if
you can give us any information
how we can get it we should be
much obliged if you should be coming
to town he said a chance to send
that small amount to us we
will rectify that mistake take the
top piece off carefully and break
the corners and lay it across the
as it was so it will not chafe me
do not know of coming up that
way this winter if you can send
it to us we should be glad
and can if it's it will be as good
as now we had the second letter
from him he supposed we had
got the money but we have not
got it yet

Yours with Respect
Edwards Bro

Dear Sister: — Providence, Jan. 5th

I enclose this letter unsealed to Shew & Co. as the easiest way to get it to you. I may say about receiving by the way for those Monuments, & will they be prepared for the Children. There is, of course, some mistake about it. I hope Isaac will forthwith see that all is right. I have addressed a line to Fulton & Co. giving them Elisha's Post-office address, & considered them to owe to him, & told them I would write to Mr. Metcalf, & have him read the facts. I endeavor, as soon as convenient to send them the monuments & Willie, for their connection.

We were sorry to learn that Fanny was unwell, but hope to receive a letter from her very soon, stating that she has recovered. You did not state where you are commissioned when you expected to unite with the Ch. in partaking the first Sabbath in the year. How was it? Were you all examined by the elders, or was Fanny only examined? I do not know exactly the rules of the Pres. Ch. We be pleased, one & all, to become members, & pray for you, that you may be eminently useful, & enjoy richly the bliss of being a joint heir with Christ. Much love to

— you the

I enclose in a wrapper addressed to Isaac the January No. of Harper's Magazine. F. M. K.

I should like to know to what object the mails of Europe (Cycle 20? How did) were performed, before the Country? I am glad there is no more in ~~it~~ to do for the Minister. I hope they will have an honest girl to cut the flour. Let me know if there will be room for a hint of the design on the 10¢ stamp for there?

Mother — Received letters Jan 12, 1875
Elyria — & Nelly!

Tuesday 21.

Our mail carrier didn't reach us to the letters we had left at Mr. C's remained till today. Yesterday Mr Stevens went to the office, & found a bunch of letters for you & Jennie. Poor Mr. C remains none all right it was that he was [illegible] death if he attempted to return. This forenoon, a number of men went down the hill & shoveled & got him on his way; but, in going as far as they did he froze part of his face, & they two. Yesterday Noon it was 22 above zero. This morn 23 or 24 below, about 10 degrees lower than ever before since we lived here. Sorry for you & trouble over the [illegible] hope it will [illegible] eye again.

I think a great deal of cause the terrible weather. Everything frozen in our cellar & all others. Even in the room - which is warm & comfortable in a short time after we were. Water bread & whatever we leave here, has frozen in the night.

26 Little warmer. 2 below. Jane Hatch went to Concord. Last never traveled in such terrible going could only walk his horse most of the way, & went out in pastures in many places. No Mail was brought here yet. & whether we get one to morrow is doubtful.

Clare has been working here today, & H. Colby sawing.

I know not where the Colby girls get money, unless Mr Goulds day wages. Lucy went to Hall's to attend to some of his things which were left here.

Jan 25 1873 Saturday

To Concord again went
your father - travelling better.
The new teeth came from
today - do well - & look well.
He saw Mr Emant - he said
his wife was quite unwell
not able to go out for some
time - he thought her gaining
You will probably see a no
tice in your papers of Dr
Chadman's son in law
being shot in a Debtor's
Prison - in Paris, France.
Charles Storey. He had
run with losses & had
been in Prison about 6
months.

Dearest Kitty, Letter, &
you & Lee & Jenny this storm
& Saturday do greatly cheer
us; so much good news from

Text in the angels in the Flames for

you all daes awaken a train of joyful - grateful feelings - One thing reckoning a little - your health. I desire to know more particularly about that - I fear you are not well & strong. Glad you have help: If the other girl was good & this better - that is right - good - better — best.

I am very, very glad th. you & Jenny are so happy. The Lord has paid us for what we have done for her - & he will pay you. & Isaac for every kindness - to every body.

Br Elmer has just written to us th. he thinks of going to Ill. early in the spring - to see Uncle & family, who live in Edgar Co. Tell J to call on them if he can.

Mother.

Dear Bessie:

You must, I think, have been very much engrossed in planning this interesting vacation. How do you all do now? I hear by rumor that you are not in your health. How is Tommy's health? And is she likely to have a story? Hope you will not allow her to take too many steps at once. I think she ought to make a manuscript of things. It will be an excellent time for her to study grammar while she is there, as you can let her be very much in that direction...

In regard to preaching all the time ex-
tempore, I do not know how the people
will like it, but I know it is more
in accordance with the teaching of Christ
& the apostles. I enjoy it better, & really
think it is calculated to do more good.

We are having very severe weather, here
this winter, - keeping more in the house &
cellar, than it has for many years past.
The horse also suffers much more from
the cold, than it used in Richmond.

I have had two rooms, for one of
two nights, without fire & two blankets to
keep him warm. The meeting closes this week
with the 22nd. Affec. & Bro. Walter T. McPherson.

Dumbarton Feb. 8 - 1857

Dumbarton Feb 8. 1857

Mother
Dearest Betty,
Elyria

Many thanks for your
of the 2d which reached us yes
day. All news so good. God so
merciful to you all.

Yesterday day before & to day
thaw-thaw-thaw. & our Great
drifts made the heaviest bon
bons - bon yesterday, & today
& we have no one dares go out
with them. Anders on the com
mon - C. Kimball conveyed
H. Murchell to meeting, who
is taking care of his sick wife
(Poor!) have taken cold - but my
foot was not sufficiently recov
red - to make it safe.

Mrs Anderson is here now
Her open heart & hands have
deposited with your father $25
extra, for George. He will no

be straightened while she lives. By her, God has wonderfully provided for him. What he may be an instrument of gathering many to Christ.

My greatest desire & most earnest prayer for my dear Children, now is that they may be clothed with humility & below zero this morn. Has Eaton sent the Rolls here, but did not write. You may expect to hear news of Mr. Church, this month or soon. Frances suffers on with. She knew Swan has left her marriage, because he did not mean to prepare his home in season.

My good letters for you & Jenny. and since we wrote you, we had a good long - well written letter from T. S. H. I think he will take you out to Egypt next Spring, or soon. But then

seems to be light dawning there, wh. I hope will increase to perfect day. Isaac writes that "it will be easy to make arrangements to stay two or 3 months, worth-[illegible] minutes—if it should be necessary for health." It seems that Paine has been successful in laying the foundation of a female seminary—& has now 4 teachers. It is well if it is good. I am glad Isaac can do so much good. That is the right use of property. If riches increase set not your heart upon them. but look to God that you may use them for his glory. Do not fear but wh. we shall be fed & clothed—& I do not aspire after the great things of this world.

Chas (capt Tinson called this
week - said she wanted to have
a Pastoral visit. So perhaps
it will come at the last end -
She made particular inquiries
after you & yours - also Stoder
son - & Craig Lam - & I know not
how many others have wished
to send love to you & yours.
15th Cold pinching next week, but
I trust we are not going to have it
here as fully as elsewhere. Strength.
Chi still called - & I made myself so
bore grocers. Quite a fell
come to all parts of the town. He
expected the great knight, and he so
left the street not to give to go thro
but was said "we got things coming
but how we shall get back we
do not know. They appear very
glad to be out - & thought their great
coats to each other unusually affec
tionate.
Pastor are very hearty & comfortable was
Pastor are very hearty & comfortable was
so all the cold weather. Lonely silence
reign in all the rooms except the street
door, in all the rooms except the street
& the kitchen. No little footsteps, when I leave
to heat - when I do not hear my Mother -

Lumberton, Feb. 16 '57.

Dear Isaac:

Many thanks for your long & good letter. Should be much pleased to hear from you in this way frequently. There are one or two points, concerning which I should like some information. What are the peculiar tenets of the Campbellites, who propose building a meeting house at Lumberton? — Are you under any obli-

gation to help them?
Another thing — Is your property in the Deadwood Village, where these meeting-houses are to be built, or a few miles distant, where the Rail-road Depot is? I see no objection to your settling at Deadwood with your family, provided you have a summer resort, if you find it too warm for health. Nettie wrote us that you were offered a salary of $15,00 a year to superintend the coal mine in town

at Dubuque. Are you still at liberty to accept this offer, if you conclude to settle there?

It is truly a cause of great rejoicing that God is so signally setting his seal upon the Female Seminary in that place, by so early reviving his work, & gathering souls into the fold of Christ. May that Seminary prove like the Mount Holyoke of New England, extend-

ing its good influences
far & wide.

Brother Elvira Brigham
has recently written us, that
he should like to buy that
land in Kent Ohio of which I
have a deed. It will come
to nine or ten hundred dol-
lars. Should he put some-
thing like that amount into
my hands, how can I in-
vest it to the best advantage?
I should much prefer its be-
ing invested so as not to be
taxable here. Is there any
way that you could assist
me in disposing of it to ad-
vantage?

Your mother recently wrote
Nettie concerning Dr. Chadbourn's
Son in Law Morey being shot
dead in a prison in France.
We have since learned that
he was imprisoned wrongfully & on a false pretence.
& that the Government of
France disapproves of the
whole affair, & will probably give Mrs. Morey a pen-
sion for life. After. Yr. father
Love to yr. Ma &c. J. M. Grant.

Dimbarton, Feb 25 1857.
(Elyria) 1857

Dearest Jeff

Yesterday while I was
was away at Hopkinton, your letter
of the 13th & 19th arrived. I hope you will not
be disturbed again by letters & Lawyers. I
sent a boy to the post-office when your letters
came. Capt H. called & had a talk with him & the B
were here for the first time & Eliza Carter
as your ha stayed at H. to go to preach in the evening.
had come in & spent the night with me.
the neighbors seemed anxious to know tho
I had some body to stay with me. Eliza
heaven never looked better than I ever knew her to
before. In the forenoon Mrs Hart & Hannah
Prescott called - both wished to see & hear Jr.
you. He expects to return to Philadelphia
in a few weeks. Last week on Monday
we had Rev Jr of Hopkinton to dine with
us, on Tuesday Miss Emerson. Wednesday
Mary washed - Friday ironed & Mrs Brown
visited us. Today Mrs Lowe Lane & H K.
called. Mrs L said, "I have a wish," to see
Antoinette & have a long talk with her &
much more about you & your little ones.

Miss Scott in today. She is piecing a charity bed-quilt. I gave all the pieces that I cd spare. I believe I told Jenny one she might have - if one wd last them to piece - but it thought before the time wd come, they wd be spoiled. Besides making some things for Betty - Ella, I have made two skirts, for little girls, that can be worn under a dress or, with an apron - or jacket, for a dress. Miss C. brot enough for her dinner Tuesday of last week, & today a pie. She said if she cd fly, she should see you & Jenny very quick.

The good work of grace in H. is increasing. All & young are brought to bow & seek for mercy & 10 or 12 or more of it is thought 'all things are new'.

Agnes has been gone most of the Winter with Mrs Peck & Mary, is expected home soon. Mrs Taylor said, Agnes told her - just before she went away. She never shd marry French. Yet, she & her mother went to Mr Eliot's wedding - went in a sleigh, together - shortly before she left. He seems as attentive as ever. Her conduct looks like this. If I can get a richer or greater rent than you I will.

but I'll hold you fast if I can't recover better by &c &c. Mrs Crane is at her father's. Alice at Manchester learning to be a tailoress I think. &c. Wilson has been heard from since his arrival in Cal. Was very sick on the way, but well when he wrote. His wife is still very feeble but gaining a little. His mother told me she wished she was with him.

It is supposed H. Caldwell & Miss K will be married soon.

Church has a third daughter 4 weeks old.

28. Has Mr Wilcox had any more words with you? You can guess as one.

How has Grace been? There are very few to be bought now? Where did Mr Robbins study divinity? Is Mr Anderson serious? Sarah Caldwell & Wesley whisper the sweet word "call" softly & wendy whisper the same letter & letter. A very uncomfortable doubt we are warm & nice & two boys we have seen or the age of two boys we-ing & they were going to their home. I think a good deal about Lizzy Cider-pies & now I am my Stinson has been waiting this two weeks to be called there.

I am glad you have your bread. So do I. Have had no poor all winter. Use no soda generally. Once, I left my dough before the stove (We passed the eve. at Mr Stoves. Mrs Stough the) will have a good warm room when we get home it made my dough too sour, & I then burned (let) it. soda.

I never think of your clothes &c. & never here without feeling terribly mortified – that we have not stuff for bread &c & always think we might rest as well had it good. Please give love to your Mother & tell her if she will come & see me again – she shall have bread & good bread. Love to Eliza Ruder when you write – I think much of her. but when you write to her husband too will be sufficient by the Almighty arm.

Tuesday 3d. Mary has come to wash & do some other work for us today. The weather was so cold yesterday, & this morning was only 2° above zero. & yesterday as much as when it was 12 below.

Love from Eliza & Hannah Maxwell & many others to you.

Are you continue well. Does Mary & are her bowels right? And sweet little Willey? Kiss him for his Mother.

I wish you would write me a long letter & tell me all the news. & are you both well & how is your health? Within a week or two, I think my bowels are a little stronger. Good bye.

Affectionate Mother.

and 10

Dunbarton March 14.

Dear Nettie: Father & Mother -
(Elyria Ohio)

We have had our town meeting, & the Yankees have prevailed by two majority. This majority, however, was secured by hunker Chicanery, in the rejection of some half dozen or more democratic men from the polls, who had a perfect right to vote. Leonard Lovell is again first Selectman, & Dea. Wheeler, representative to the State Legislature, & John Burnham town treasurer. In the town Clerk, no change, Ira C. Brown, Mo. as last year. Tell Jenny her friend Mr. Lyman Woodbury, is one of the Select men, greatly to his satisfaction. He inquired after her, & seemed pleased that his daughter had received a letter from her.

This week I go at Mr. Rogers to carry the little monument

to Marion, to have the
error in the inscription cor-
rected. They had received $30,00
towards their pay, & I suppose
from what Isaac wrote he in-
tends to join them $5, as I now
don't see they have corrected their
errors. Is it noised? They told
Mr. Rogers they should now do with
out such Job so cheap - that it was
worth $60,00. They told one some
thing like that, when they brought the
monument. And I suppose that
they did not expect any more than
was agreed on in the contract.

You have probably one thing,
the pleasure of welcoming home your
precious husband. Hope to hear
from him in a very soon, & learn your
circumstances for the coming winter.
We feel very grateful to you & Isaac
for writing to us so often.
Fly time to finish things. Much love
to you all.

Your affec. sister,
Sarah M. Williams.

Dunbarton March 18. 1857

Mother

Elyria

[illegible] in the service with you
in the capacities of Pastor & Physician
your happy home, in health &c.
[illegible] Calvaken called with 203
[illegible] said we might have an answer as
we wanted all the time & she would give us again
but cannot account for her enduring kindness
when some, whose love we expect, remain not
more. But I have the happiness to love all
certainly with the love of good will. Mrs
Morse & daughter Mrs. H. Colby called.

Did you give mine that little work, I sent &
gave to George? If I did not. Can you inform
me anything where it is.

Your father & I have written about 6 letters,
since Nov 4th. Had Mr. Corliss with yours &
Mrs H. Rider has a second son, all com-
fortable. Sarah G. begins to sit up.

19. Ralph Metcalf has sent out the best
most truly religious Proclamation, for a fast
we have ever had. 22. I am at home. As the
ground this morning was covered with snow
& I do not feel like walking at such a time &
it is inconvenient for me to go any other way. John
Parker & wife were here at meeting last Sabbath
& again today. What do Elyria people think of the
decisions of judges [redacted] these days? Our fast
is appointed the 2d day of April. I hope we shall
be prepared to keep it in a manner acceptable to
God. Dear Mary A. has been almost beside herself
[illegible] since the time of her husband's death. He

says "I cannot see why he shd be singled out to die in such a manner!" Poor child - She can not expect to know this any more than to know why she was first to enjoy his society so long as she did. I hope she will soon feel that it is enough for her to know that it was the will of God thus to single him out. & be reconciled to it. Her father remarked, that he believed they idolized each other. She did not spend but a small part of the Winter with her mother - but was with her husband at Macon. but she was here when he was killed & had been about 2 weeks - the last Sab. but one he spent on earth was, here; The last one he heard Mr Bartlett preach & when he returned to Mr Young's took his bible & found the text & then remarked - that the Universalists went to the bible to find something to support their own doctrine but not to find the Truth.

I have also seen Mrs Darwell and have received the real names of Mrs Darwell and have received letters from them for several days but I think I do not want to write them.

I am not well enough before my sickness, but I feel better some days all day - not many - I am very grateful for so much health - that I can wait on myself generally.

Your affectionate sister.

Dr. Isaac Arnold March 24, 1858
Dr. Arthur Elmes

Dumbarton, March 24th

Dear Isaac:

Your letter was quite acceptable & interesting. When you write me again, please tell me the route of the R. R. which you have a prospect of taking charge, & what salary is expected.

Since I wrote you about the probable sale of my land, brother Elmes has written me, saying that things might remain as they are, for the present, if I wished it. Perhaps, however, it would be better for me to make a disposition of it now. If you

think so, decidedly, I will write to brother E. and request him, if he can, without essential inconvenience, to take the Land & furnish me with the money. Should he do so, I could forward you $1,000.—

Should you think it best, how soon would you want the money? Would a few months delay make any difference? Would it not be as well to obtain from brother E. a Check on some Bank, as to deposite it in some Saving's Bank? I suppose if you have charge of the

R. R. you Sprbe J. you would
invest the money in lands
some where ... that route, shd.
you not?

I was quite astonished
to learn that the sect of Camp-
bellites have become so nu-
merous & powerful, - built
up as they are on a dog-
ma so weak & absurd as
Salvation by baptism!

Man is a curious being,
a strange mixture of wis-
dom & folly. Only think
of the decision of Wash-
ington in the Dred Scott
case. What shameful
reasoning, & what wicked
conclusions! What a

pity that these Judges could not have an interview with the "Lord" who reigned in Mrs. Stowe's book, & hear from his trumpet voice some of the denunciations of the old prophets, — "Woe unto them that decree unrighteous decrees, & that write grievousness which they have prescribed — to turn aside the needy from judgment, & to take away the right from the poor."

I wish that some Ancient Spirit might haunt & thrill their hearts & heads & better employ

Yr. affectionate
G. H. Putnam.

Mother Dinsbarton
March 28. 1867

Elyria

I have got
Mary's
Have you
can
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Ohio. Mon your father went to the Officers' Hotel to Mr. Callicrotts. Engagements were made after you. Ed. & his wife are spending some time here now. His beard is very dull in Manchester — Catherine is very well. I have just finished my calico dress — Jane Scott & Hattie by an old lining & your pattern says it looks well. It is necessary for you to wear a loose dress to be comfortable. Chris Kimball feels greatly disappointed. A little thing, now & then, from the countenance of those we love, God gave, & how dear was it, while they were with us. Comfort. And, now, Grandpa, & Grandma are to comfort many of our little children if we can. Father said — "Of such is the kingdom of heaven" are safely moored beyond the reach of evil; and not only so, but are perfectly happy in the full enjoyment of God. Thro. the merits of our Glorious Saviour.

29 I have been to church. A cloudy day & damp chilly air. felt very tired on my return home. Yet I enjoyed much. I love the house of God. I love his people. I love the preaching of his servants & hope to make some progress

to wards heaven for every such privilege.
Dear daughter, do you feel that your afflictions have drawn you nearer to God? & given you more sweet & holy communion with our blessed Redeemer? the whole I trust of your affliction, - I would say (can't you see my ~~eyes~~ & do not let them lie in for the slothness or die without prayer.

Sep. 2 This is the day of our State Fast - last night it snowed enough to cover the ground & so much & cold (only 12 above zero) I stay at home.

I have been trying to bring my past deficiencies before my mind, in a manner to make me truly humble & penitent — when I see how greatly I have come short of duty in each relation I have sustained in life I do not wonder to be considered a poor mother & it leads me to pray more fervently that my beloved Children may avoid all my defects, & all others - so that they may be able to say "I have inclined my heart to perform thy statutes always, even unto the end."

Sep. Mr E. Rider & wife ~~& Hughes~~ left the prayer of God's People today on account of the death of his brother in law - death than I can tell you. His young wife (her widow) be likely to remain in Brownville. I have given my love to her, when you write I shall love to see her. (Yesterday was a rainy day - warm when we retired & this morn. all the windows frozen down tight. I sing every day - generally, when all alone. God bless all - & His Mother.

Sep. 7. A pleasant morn.

Dunbarton Apr. 11. 1857
Mother & father
Elyria

you will learn something from us about "every day"
I have been dress making today – repairing my delaine
I have worn it most of the time this Winter – have
cut & basted new for waist – shall make the sleeves
new & all as best I can – expect to make it look
about as well as it ever did, have had it all washed.
Yesterday I wrote to Mrs Gutchinson. told her some
thing about you. Mary Allison, Hetty, said Elizabeth
was at the Female College in Cincinnati a teacher.
18th Mrs E Rider called & paid rent money – said their
baby was very worrisome, Mary boy – I do not know but
he finds himself an unwelcome visitor. His father
all the relatives last year, were disappointed a daughter,
& they manifest dreadful disappointment – I am
sorry they do not feel satisfied & grateful for what
they have – Perhaps they do in reality (I believe not really)
Dr Colby & wife have left their beautiful house in
Concord & returned to Salem.
Perhaps you see by the Papers great is many re
vivals of Religion. In Concord Mass & Chicopee –
Baptist – meeting all Saturday Sabbath Hopkinton – they
believe about 40 have been born again. More revivals
I think there be all about our country – than have been
since '81 & '82. You have probably seen the death of
Abbie Wells of Columbus – who died of small pox at N.
Y. This is one of the Providences of God, which short
sighted – weak – blind man seems mysterious.
19th Rainy in the morn – pretty hard rain – Then cloudy
enough to make the ground white. I went to Church in
the afternoon. Dear father has had more trouble to
day – complaint the last week than before since
his sickness. but is better now today. Good night.

this faith really seemed to strengthen you so much & you preached better, & that encouraged you to hear the letter spirit & sweet tears we all of us rejoice very much at it & he had it at the meeting

One day last week my dear, was darning & mending the skirt of my dress today I have prepared the dinner all new ready to make 5 or 6 or 7 pieces in each but no one without looking closely will know but they were made, have to get it done this week.

Now Jenny, dear, I wish you to try to be obedient in regarding dresses & Jenny more in as good as a penny earned - this if we cannot always be earning money - we may by experience grow a great deal. Until you become rich you will make an effort in this business will you not?

I am glad Jennie can comfort her little
to the last inquisition
boy & her aged mother in law. Will you give
my love to Lex & Olive Rider, when you write
again. Glad to tell us Bangs & the house.
I do not enter the great room, Darius, without
thinking of the last look Willie & I took
of each other -- He was sitting on the sofa as I
passed from the study to take up my place in
a sick room. His little angel face from bed
full of real & dear -- The weather has been
so cold & rough I have not yet been into the
graveyard -- this spring. Oh; not since the evening
after dear little Allyn's remains were covered.
I dream very blustering & stormy -- How many are
perished by sea, & perhaps by land too, while I sit
warm & sheltered & safe with every thing
around me to make me comfortable & give thanks to our
Heavenly Father. Affectionate Mother.

Dunkerton, Ia. Dec 20, 1887.

Dear Nettie:

To-day the little monument was brought back from Manchester, all corrected. Jim & Mayo's are beautiful little monuments. The marble was a fine piece, & is very handsome, & the lettering is done in excellent style. They are all that could be wished. Ida Mc Daniel sent a note written to Mr Mc Call about the remainder of his pay, & I should probably have an order in a few days to hand the money due to him.

I have had Emile at work on the parent mound, & we

old acquaintance, the Riverview Wh.
however seems gradually taking
its leave. I should be quite
glad to have our associations
forever closed up, as I find no
advantage whatever from such
society. My health during the
winter was decidedly better than
common. I ate with freely of
beef, twice a day. Lately, I have
been a great patron of the Egg-
markets, — having purchased since
the middle of Feb. between twen-
ty six & twenty seven dozen. We
have, however, ten a twelve dozen
on hand.

Your old teacher, Mr. John W.
Kay is now preaching at Gotts-
town, whether as a candidate for
settlement I do not know. Your
uncle Rufus is trying to sell out
at Scarborough, being too far, to
make such repairs of his house
as convenience seems to require.
Frank had very good success in
Previshool, & is wishing to teach
again this Summer. Sam is stu-
dying, — having earned some money last
winter, to pay his way. Affectionate Father.

Dear Isaac:

Thanks for the information contained in your last. I hope you will not leave the appointment in Iowa. It will, I think, be a fine healthy climate for you & your family.

Harper's Magazines I have received, & forwarded, up to the April number, which has not come. I suppose you never must have expired before they ceased to send them, am I according, (two years & a half) wrote to the publishers to know them, at least the time was out for which they were paid in advance, & I suppose no more will come. Yours ever, by

I regret to tell, that the little transaction is known to Mamma, & Aunt Caroline, all in consequence of your having received my last letter, & as it is a fact I have promised, not to let me pay it, I shall remain due to the amount, and can pay the same to Fanny, & will be spending money.

By the way, I met an old friend Mr Cromwell, the other day, & he told his account was a little over & had paid his first bill. He spoke of having made a subscription to Mrs. Metcalf, after the first bill was settled. He charged, I see, only fifty cents, which I paid him. I never mentioned the subject to any of them about it, but I thought you might like to know that it was settled.

Affec. your father.

Dumbarton, Apr. 27, 1857

Mother-
Elgrie

Dearest Millie

Your little letter has been enough to take comfort with - it was so seldom an affair; do you have any? We have had good weather all Winter - & have about a dozen apples left. Our table has not been destitute of stewed apple more than two or 3 times thro. the season - & as much apple pie as we like.

Mrs H. Aiken is so unwell she is visiting at her Father's - Saturday I went in & saw her & baby. It's a very pretty babe indeed & they both seem very well. Fanny Stinson was her nurse two weeks.

We expect the Lin. of Churches to meet here this year - last week in June - I expect a large meeting & shall have help if I have room in this cottage to entertain our friends. She is excellent help. I am to expect Mrs H. L. Stewart this week & shall have some extra help from there. If she comes she has taken a little girl - 9½ years old. I suppose from St. Andrews, where she has passed the winter.

We received a letter from Mrs Greenlaw by last mail - she mentioned having received one from you to Mr L. Mary is now at the head of a rack of a hundred & 30 or more - with a dressmaker & seamstress. They were all well - Georgie can read with ease. They were without a staff, Joanie without. I can see that Mary has improved in letter writing - she has been a widow - some 12 or 13 years ale. She wrote me a long good letter. She has another from Mrs Anderson - good & benevolent as ever. It is wonderful how he has been provided for - by God & Mrs A. a deed - his money ready for George. It is wonder

We think Mrs Greenlaw may be at the Falls of Clyde & Chatham to.

I have not been into the graveyard yet, it has been so cold & wet. The monuments, your father says are beautiful — But the beauty of those they represent, if folded in the arms of Jesus, is more rich & glorious mansions than language can describe.

May 1st Yesterday I went to see the little Monuments. They are all that could be desired. I went to the the Stones of many with whom I had taken "sweet counsel" & with whom I had walked to & in the house of God" Which seemed to say "Be thou faithful unto death." Be ready — for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man will come. — your father married the two couple who were mentioned in my note to Jenny — Mr Woodbury & Mr Twiss. Abby came to her new home about sunset — Ap. 30. They sent two cards here, & I rather think one was designed for you. I asked your pa; & he replied "they handed them to me & said something" — so I will send one to you.

Husband has gone to Concord & Pembroke today — I made six calls this forenoon to see if I could learn of any good family who wd take one or two little Irish girls — Sabra wrote to Mr R yesterday wishing us to take one. I do not feel able to have the care &c. now — If I had health, strength & other things — I shd love to do it. We might soon have a large family if we rec'd all that are offered. I have had a company of little girls in to see me & kiss me this P.M. And our female prayer meeting commenced. Mary E. Morse says she wd like to come here if Mayo was alive. She seems afraid to come without her mother. I have rested some on the sofa today — now I am going to lie on it again. Good bye all

Your father, on Fast-
day, Feb'l 22., preach-
ed a "written sermon."
Was it that capital?
It was on the decision
of the Supreme Court
at Washington on the
"Dred Scott" case, & oc-
cupied more than an
hour in the delivery. -
Jer. & Isa. 10: 1. Woe unto
them that decree un-
righteous decrees, &c.

Ah. 29—

My dearest Nettie,

I guess
Father has much to do to
morrow—lecture to preach
some Ch. business at the close
then two weddings to attend
one 6 miles off—all over Tues at
to go—but shall not on ac-
count of extra travel. Had
it meant to go—if weather
& health & all favored.
But shall be happy at
home—& perhaps have a
piece of cake—Hope

anything to show Lucy
today is a recurrence of
precedent yesterday —

love — love — love
love — love — love
love — love — love

My dear Kitty.—

April 30. I'm dreaming the time away, but perhaps before leaving Paris I'll write you a little letter, & extraordinary circumstances alone can prevent me from doing so. I'm very well myself.

I received your [illegible] letter, & was very glad to hear that you [illegible] & that you [illegible] of breathing a "little air." I only [illegible] to remember. (2-d) I have no recollection of confessing, confessed, many of my communications, except a few. I wrote a kind of homily to you on the importance of writing correctly, & hence you [illegible] thoughts on paper, closing it with saying, "You are good, & can, if you will, write correctly." Do you act? Yes, I have [illegible] little, [illegible] sentences which may be pronounced [illegible] correct. Please explain.

Affectionately yours,

Edmund Clarence

Dumbarton
Father & Mother
Apr. 21 1847
Elyrien Ohio

Dearborn St.

You ask, dear Nettie, if so is want of life & emphasis was wholly owing to his training? Perhaps not; yet I think that right training would have made him appear to like different. He has spent too much time digging the roots of dead languages, & too little in fitting himself for the duties of practical life. Your brother George has pursued a different course. It is to ordered, that his ideas & mine concerning the right kind of education, correspond exactly. The consequence of his pursuing such a practical course (as we are about to see) is, that now when he enters the pulpit, heads are up, & a sensation is produced. Tho' he is but just from College, & has his Theological Seminary course before him, he prepares a sermon, & delivers it with an energy, which makes people feel that he is not out of his place, when he gets

the pulpit. I do right in his native place, I heard more praise of his performances, than I have ever heard of the debut of any young man from the seminary, who has gone over with the most flattering accounts all seem to speak in his favor — more than I know of, a saint. I do not suppose that this success is all owing to the manner of his education. But I think it is, in a very great measure, owing to this. Had he devoted all his time to college recitations, in the old course, I do not think he would have been anything near the man he is now. His manner of preaching for the present, is to preach a written sermon in the forenoon & preach extemporaneously in the afternoon. In accordance with my recommendation he designs, for the present, to continue this course. He speaks readily without notes, as readily as if it were written.

Farther.

Dumbarton May 8th 1857

(Dumbarton May 8, 1857
Father & Mother
Elyrie

Dearest Lillie, We call'd at Mrs Stevenson's Tuesday Mrs Burnett & wife were making their first visit there. Mrs S. was very attentive to her company - while I was there Mrs L. Wilson - Mrs Chamberlain & Mrs Oliver Wilson call'd. We were taken to see all the lower rooms - They were perfectly neat & well furnished - Parlor had a nice sofa, stuffed chairs & good rocking chair; - Looking glass about the size of our largest - good carpet, on parlor & setting room - in this, & common plain - perhaps second hand sofa & common chairs - What they have built new, is a very convenient kitchen - a large good store room at the north west corner sink &c opposite & pretty bedroom at the S. East. They - the two families, have had the whole of the inside of that great house painted & papered - well.

While I was there your father call'd at Mr Burnham's. She, it is thought - is in consumption - & her youngest little girl has a dreadful humor - Last Monday Mrs Stevenson Scott came there to take charge of the domestic con-

cerns - She was pleased to see your father & showed him your pictures - who she praised very highly - said she had rec'd 3 letters fr. you. & some of little Wilder's hair - she sent a lock to me - precious lock - it looks precisely as did our little one's. She feels a very deep interest in your family.

[illegible] last Sabbath - He shook my hand very long & strong. & looked very smiling & well.

Your father says I must ask you to have your Home Missionary directed to yourself. Do you not want it? If you do not - then let somebody have it - for it is worth reading in any family. I had a letter from Mrs. Barstow. We had to [illegible] your journey. Mrs Ch. Bailey was sick I think before you left here - She rode up to Mr Brigham's today - the first of her going from home - She is feeble - quite - expect her here tomorrow - your pa has gone to make calls.

[illegible] Mrs Brigham says [illegible] eating too much, & unsuitable food - did not come here. Went home this morning. Jane Bailey has gone to Two Rivers Wis. about 100 miles from Milwaukee. Writes that he has a sch. of 200 scholars. &

an assistant - He always begins very large but
soon something breaks & he falls. Mamie left
us now. A little babe at the Post House is dead
and father gone to attend the funeral - & may bring
Mrs & Wilson home with him.
Evening. Mrs Wilson did not come. Thought
she did in a few days. The trees Isaac set
out all seem like to live. I have just
finished my Mat. Hannah Marshal came
more than a week ago & filled it. I shall
enjoy it. The dress you bo't at Cleveland was
black silk with a little white stripe, was it
not? Eliza Rice did not see the piece for a
week or after it came. Good bye.

Your ever loving Mother.

Write word to Isaac. I met Dr. Boston
in Concord some little time ago, & we in
quired for your address, which I gave
him. He said he wished to write you
to see if you could give his son, Samuel Fletcher Boston, business as an
engineer. I told him, if you received
an appointment to take charge of the

[illegible] I do not see, Nellie, how I can probably do so. I promised the young man, from what I can learn, that a Senator for that kind of business should [illegible] do it, & I have no personal knowledge of him. Hope you will excuse him, especially as he offers, & I can do it without inconvenience. Have you written Jane about it?

A few weeks since, I received a letter from Father & Mother, with the pleasing intelligence that Hannah Thacher [illegible] to your wishes, in staying there [illegible] but I suppose it has stirred your mind, as I have had no answer. Please write in your next.

Affec. Your Father,

Joel Hayden.

Yes, Nellie, I did tell you that I meant a long sermon, on Justice, against the recent decision of the Judges in the Dred Scott case, but was not aware that I said any thing about it's being written, & did not understand your allusion. It was written in part, sometime since, & in some measure [illegible]

Dumbarton May 23rd — '57.

Mother Dumbarton
Elyria

Dearest Sister,

Your letter of May 20th was duly rec'd and gave me all desired information - fully answered my Questions. Thank you. How I wish I could do you some good. 24th Today we have listened to a preacher, who, when we came here, was a babe. Abraham Burnham. His sermons were good. His manner better than I expected. Pa very first return from California was at ... Thing. O that God's truth spoken by an old neighbor & schoolmate may sink into his heart - & like seed in good ground bring forth an hundred fold." Emeline Allison was also at Chs. will be with Chs B. a week. 25 E. ... called ... spent an hour or more. He expects to be married in a few weeks. 26. We went to Manchester, called at Mrs Lewis' saw Mrs Ell. now Mrs. & Elizabeth Sumner was spending a few weeks there. Many enquiries after you - & much love for you from them. E. said she was disappointed that she did not call here before you left. Chs. ... pleasantly situated as one can ... & Lewis' wife very attentive to her. From this place we went to London derry & spent a night & morning with ... tenderness, & 27th today we returned home. Dennis with Chs Ell on the wagon. We enjoyed this ride & Chs our visits very much. I do rejoice in the joys of Chs. I have felt grateful ever since my return, that those good-hearted friends are so comfortably situated in their old age. Chs. was at Nashua when we reached his home - but came home before tea time. with bundles, one of which was Testament - Lamar - with Ps. She was expecting a number of her husband's nieces to visit her in a few days, & to each, she designed to give a Testament. "It is more blessed to give than to receive." She enjoys this blessedness. When one object of benevolence is accomplished, she is ready for

Yesterday Mr Ray has preached here today, he writes his sermons, but is not confined to his notes: He seems a little like Mr. Wm Clark in the pulpit, yet free from all his oddities. He has gone to spend this night with Mr & Mrs. Andrew Turner. I hope he will do them much good.

Dear Sister I suppose you look back with gratitude & submission to the dealings of your heavenly Father with you during the years past - He has given - & He has taken away - bless him & trust him - for all time to come. He is great & good. Mr Ray returned here this morning & was very particular to be remembered to you, repeating his wish to be remembered. I like him - there is some good common sense - & a knowledge of human nature in him. It shews better than all, he appears devoted to God's service. Your father put up at Dear Hasbury's - they had many enquiries to make about you

Mr & Mrs. Brigham have been at work for more than an hour weeding our front yard. Tomatoes out in the garden. Peas - beans, beets, &c &c - planted all over. We have had several meals of Asparagus - but there seems to be but very little in either bed. Apple trees pretty well in blossom. Grass looks fine. Currants in blossom. Quince bushes budding.

It is said that any body who'd be so wicked as to steal poor Jennie's watch - or to steal at all. Your father was lamenting that Unitarianism & its evils had so soon made its appearance in Kenwood, but Satan will follow the "sons of God & be "walking up & down in the earth" for a time. "The tares & the wheat must grow together"

June 2. Last Saturday Mrs Thorne had a severe, all comfortable I expect. No. I have not heard particulars. Fanny must take all that interests her from this letter, as the cares & labors of today prevent my being able to write her as I desired. In regard to a hat - We think she is so well provided with bonnets she had better do without one here but a fancy one for a dress bonnet. your affe Mother.

May 2d Mrs. Selvester Wilcox was at meeting - at the Communion Table for the 1st time. I believe it is 14 months since she was admitted to the Church.

Mr L. Mills took our chaise & went for her at noon - & conveyed her home in it at the close of the services. Mrs. Raymond was at meeting & wished to hear from you - & desired to send Love. She has weaned her babe.

H. Clay, with whom you were acquainted, at Harrimack, called her Hei P. M. Very kindly enquired after your welfare -

he is preaching at Sopertown, only
Sepphying. The remains of Bro.
Hill's Darg, mother were brot
to this place today.

I believe there was one
question who I asked - you
did not answer - But I often
tell people - they can do as they
please about telling me. Therefore
please - Good bye - O! How
did Jenny get thro. with exam?
Yours M. Mother.

Dear Mother Dunbarton June 11th 1857.

I am glad I have a place to go to, though I am sorry on her own account that she is not with you. But I trust the Lord will for a time. Pray that you may have all to have a home; now, May she be happy & blessed Dear Mother, Sent of the, The Glory of your risen Father.

This is a rainy day. Thursday, Monday we called at Miss Harriet Stark.

She slipped a three dollar bill into my hand. As we were about to leave, she stepped up to Mr D. & asked him, if he had read about the Comet, & went on telling him about it, & at the same time put another bill of the same number into his hand. She also put up a bottle of her medicine for me. Then Charlotte came up to me saying it is very cool this eve. & you had better take this additional shawl. No, said I, I am dressed very warm. But, said she, emphatically, "I want you to have it." Long, bay state-plain, dove colored, very light, looks as tho it had been worn some, or, been faded in a stone till a little curled. I think I shall have it colored darker. What color shall I have it? Is it not wonderful that she should give me this article, at this time? I feel as if God sent it. & hope I am grateful to Him, & to her.

Who do you think is boarding in the Village Well, it is Mrs & Mrs Dr. Putnam. He dined with us the first day he came. left Emily in London till he can find a boarding place. They are going to keep house at the Lamb room

at Mr Caldwell's. She will probably write about his business here - so I will say nothing about it. She is the same lively Emily, as ever. Tuesday we din'd at Mr L. Mills - Mr McCauley, Stone's & Clark Kimball's - were rather tired all enquired after you & yours & send love.

Miss Hannah Colby washed for me Monday & yesterday came & cleaned the two rooms. 13 Miss Emerson has worked for me all this afternoon. Sweeping. She & Mr Colby have helped paper our little new Coll. & the entry next the study. Emily called & spent an hour or more with me in the forenoon. said she had written you, by last Mail.

Death is still taking from us those we love. Dr. Pond is gone. He died last Sabbath eve - after a sickness of less than one week. He calmly looked death in the face & rested on Jesus as his only hope of peace & joy hereafter. Lucy was again called home fr. S. Hadley - to watch the last hours & hear the last words of one who was equal to her dear brother in the affections of her warm heart. She will not return to sch. at present. I suppose Dr P was a few years older than any of our bro or sister.

June 16

Yesterday Monday we called at Mrs Ireland's, as Mary Roby came home last Saturday. I was pleased agreeable we took tea there. Mary at. Still retains the Christian hope. She says she would always not look to her Parent as before her heavenly death. Mrs. Ireland asked me to pray, the bible meeting more serious. Manager before. Mrs Ireland told me that Mr Loveland's mother daughter ... became a Christian when at years ago. She said she never prayed in her family ...

need reading the Scriptures daily.
I should think the Loveland family
excellent people. Everything seems
perfectly pleasant between them & Mary.
They wished very much to have her
live with them; but she thought duty
required her to be with her mother.
She mentioned that she had not yet
answered your letter, as she had a great
deal to do & she & her brother desired
to be remembered to you. We went into
the garden. They cut a bunch of asparagus
for us to look at & several roots of it, which
I set out last eve. Mary gave me a large flower
did love you - Love to all

Yours &c

Dunbarton, Jun. 16th 1851

Dear Isaac & Sister:

I was quite pleased to learn that you had secured by purchase a home in Elyria, on such favorable terms, & on such a pleasant spot as I imagine that to be which Isaac has described. I think it will be all the more desirable for its rural character, & retirement from the bustle of the business part of the village. And here a question:- Is the house and garden between fourth & fifth

Dunbarton, Jun. 16th 1851

Elyria Ohio

Streets? Or is it West of the
Wisi Avenue? I think the Grove
Street is delightful, & the
fine trees form a wonder-
ful of good. Another question:
What is the distance from your
house to the Presbyterian Meet-
inghouse? I take it, that it is
about the same distance from
Dr. Dr Witt's that your
present residence is. I think,
Isaac, you will enjoy your-
self quite as well with your
family, fixing & making im-
provements upon your
new establishment, as you
would travelling over hills
& vales, fording streams, &
climbing huge cliffs, with
your posse of engineers,—
shall you not? And you,

notice, I know would very much enjoy it, to have one of the "Lords of creation" to love you, you must love him, with much unwavering confidence, & love with such strong affection, so new, you see.

As matters attend our meeting, as yet, when she attends any where. She takes a very great interest in you & your family. The daguerreotypes you sent her, she regards as invaluable. The first thing was to show them to me when I called on her, & to tell me how highly she esteemed them.

Miss St. Newcomb did not visit us, as she

expected. Her state of
health, together with the un-
favorable weather, prevent-
ed. We have since had a let-
ter from her, informing
us that she is well now, &
saying she thinks she must
either visit us, or we her,
this season.

Affectly, Your Mother.

Mother P. Dunbarton June 25, 1857

Dunbarton, June 25th 1857.

Dear Father,

Elpriee. At the Conc. of Churches who met here last Sabbath & Mon. We had 17 ministers, three only brot wives. Mr Burton & Smith of Boscawen, Mr Eaton & wife put up here. Mr Eaton & delegate H. br. Patron. Mr Tilly took tea here & wished to be particularly remembered to Mr H. & you. Sarah W. & Mary are both at home now. & teaching. Mr Burton & wife expect to visit at C. Rider's. They & many others called here. among them Mr Ranson - formerly of Barrington now from Vermont now. A most excellent spirit was manifest thro the meeting & great fullness & solemnity. We do hope to see fruit, much fruit.

Mr Burton has just returned from a journey West. He went into Northern Ill. He made a speech - very interesting on the influences of the East on the West. He said "Wherever Eastern men settle" "they make their mark". Gave a particular account of Denmark. Fellow Eastern men & little Company purchased near a mile square enough to make a township. Laid it out in lots, or farms. & all who purchase of them must come under their regulations - Never sell it for ardent Spirits - they must support preaching - the Gospel &c &c He said, he found one there & one or two or more, who had formerly been members of his Chh. Denmark is now a thriving beautiful village in the, enjoying all the privileges of a New England village. He tho't, we ought to rejoice to have our sons & daughters, who will help in laying a good foundation in the West, go there.

Dear Children - We visited at Mr H. Colby's, Miss E. D. & B. & wife - Miss Abbott's, Prescott. Saturday, we called at Mr. Burnham's, & Shaw's & got other photographs - the prices in N. very high. Call at Widow Wilson's - (Mary Patterson was there)

Mother P. Dunbarton June 25, 1857 Received a bouquet of flowers, & a letter from Father, dated 28. Received letter from Mother, dated 29 and from a bouquet

Then Ci at H. & Thom. Wilson's & at the door of the
Fuller & Caroline there) & Mr. Louis Wilson's - Left Ethel
Em. to wash dishes & bake bread. She while gone. Got home
before eleven. Chas went to Hopkinton, to preach on
Sab. & near night, br. Rufus & wife reached here. He
preached here. & this morn. Monday 29 they returned
to Collins'. Mr. Wilson came here from meeting Sab
Sunday, & spent the night. Grover has carried her home this
forenoon. She is expecting to go to Lyme Beach this
week to stay several weeks if it invigorates her.
I do wish you all, esp in particular could
just look into our front yard. It would greet
you with smiles, yea, laughter - tho you might
not hear it, you might see it shake. The lawn
presents more beauty than ever before. Green -
Cumbines, purple & pink - pinks, Cypress & I know
not what more - & sufficient of green to make
the whole a most beautiful bouquet. Rain
not enough to send Frank a good rise
this morning.
I do not know whether I have mentioned that
Lizzie Stinson is at school at Pembroke - Has
Lizzie Stinson is at school at Pembroke - Has
another called here early this morn. to have me
Uncle take a Coronet to her - & so she bro't me about
five lbs of butter & 17 eggs. Perfect Chas has for-
another box of home-made, to them. This pill. I have
on Fanny Stinson. & she spoke with me to Mr. Collins
Came home to tea. I feel some tired - but have not
coughed as last night or today or usual. Many
have said 'give my love'. So many I cannot name
them. I design to call on the near neighbors this week.
Received letter from father & Mother Putnam.

Dunbarton July 4th 1857.

Dearest Mother

Dunbarton July 5

I have just returned from the graves of our dear ones. Mother-Children & grand Children. Those little nimble feet, wh. were the delight of this house but one year ago. now lie quietly in their bed of earth & will until the last Trump shall sound & call them forth. Jesus said of such - "Their angels do always behold the face of my Father". His God & our God. What comfort are in those words to parents who mourn over the loss of little ones. On those little graves I have placed Cypress & Junks. It is my wish to have them all fenced & enclosed with a chain. Mr H. Colby has been here 2 days, making your father a coat. Of course I have had to be busy. He finished about 10 o'clock today - then I slicked up the room. & after dinner, rested - then went to the Female prayer meeting - Then called at Mrs Emerson's & sewed for her one hour. Came home & got supper & then rode to Mr Page's & made one call on Miss Fanny & one on Mrs. Page & Sew, you must think me smart.

So to what you did not understand - in my last - I will try to explain.

You know there was a Collegiate department connected with our Institute & the rooms. It stood on N. East side of the Public Square - What we called Mount Washington - was North of it. Most Students preferred more distant quarters - Views of no kind - & this was not in my 2 rooms of no kind - & this was not in my 2 rooms of latter yr's. When the Lease ex-pired - of latter yr's. When the Lease expired it stood full into the hands of Mr. Wm. Brigham - they wished to have it removed. This building - once ever, belonging removed. This building - once ever, belonging to your father. So he had it moved to the S. East corner of our barn. It is shingled & painted - & I think you & Jenny will sometimes enjoy your books there very much. It is a fine Summer temporary residence.

I am glad you have a Mother who can be with you & do you good. May blessings - all you need rest upon you both - yes, upon all your household.

How delightful to look in & see you - but this is not my privilege. I will look at the moon & think to pray for you. Tues. 14th Today we expect the Manchester to meet here. Fanny Stinson is my help. Mary Ann with a Mrs. Foster in our last Sab. town pa. exchanged with a Mr. Parker - & he wished very much to have me go over & become acquainted with his wife - so I attend Ch. there Last Sab. Love to all. Yrs. Affly A. B. Putnam.

Mother
Dunbarton July 5/57
Elyria

Your last letter as well as all others gave us much joy. Your health was benefitted by your pleasant ride to the lake, was it not? Did your Mother go with you? Oh! I should love to see her here. But we are not alone much, since Spring came. Mr Patterson & Mrs Anderson have been here, & Mrs. Harris & Mary A. Caldwell are in town & I shall expect both to spend some days here. Calls from our people were never more frequent. They appear very affectionate - but not generous. I visited Frank Patterson on last Wednesday - dined with her. They are living in the house beyond the Starks. They have fixed it neat & convenient - & all might except an impenitent husband, is. he seems kind to her, & is really too good looking to be a husband. Their little girl is pretty - We took tea at the Starks - & received, about 5 dollars in Money &c. a beautiful cap. & 11 yds calico.

Now I must tell you one piece of news. Elisabeth Jenny was mar-

ried last week on Wednesday, to a Mr. Richardson of Wisconsin Flour-dealer, I heard, She is to go to W- next Fall. Married by Mr- Parker of Concord. She is a member of his Ch. & Con. at Union was last Wednesday. We expect George every now be at Hillsboro. Hope to learn today when he may be at home.

I was very happy to hear from Mrs. She is one of my good children. lived & studied with me, & assisted me the first year of my married life. I called on her in "Brighton just before we came here to live this was the last time I saw her. We had some acquaintance with Mr. & Mrs. Hakman; but I do not remember to have seen any of their children. His parents & other connections were members of our Ch. in Attleboro. It is pleasant to be remembered with esteem & affection by those for whose good we have labored. I have wandered at some little & at present once or twice in 60 years; but I never did much more than I have ever had so many kind friends. & those among the best people the world affords. I have lately received another very good letter fr. a niece in Rochester. She has just acquainted fr. what my mother & others have told her of me. She manifests a great desire to see me I hear, if she did, now in my old age she will be greatly disappointed to see a little

Last week was very rainy & nearly half your father's hay was out from Monday to Monday again & after all our thorough soakings came in without being sour or musty, & the rest is just brot into the barn in good order.

Last Sab. Mrs. Harris came home with me from meeting. On Mon. I made with her, 5 calls & one visit. This was at Capt. Stinson's. There we met Mrs. Bollin's (M. Patterson's) sister, a fine appearing lady, & Mary A. Caldwell. Tuesday made 3. Sabbs H. & calls on near neighbors, I worked as fast as convenient 1½ hour at Ch. Kimball's, as he was sick with dysentery. & no help. Rested awhile & your father & I went to convey Mrs. H. back to Mr Jenny's. Took tea there with Mr & Mrs Hutchinson & a Mrs Jane Wilson, Cousin to J. Jane. Yesterday Mrs. Brig. Gen. called. & Widow C. Bailey took tea. Today Mrs. Hunt has called. & Mr Hutch. for Atlanta. He is from this time to be a Lawyer in Missouri. His health quite good. After he left here, I sent him lingering over the remains of Covid ones, & soon he was called for by the Mail Carrier. He not expected Mrs H. Burnham will live but a short time.

Love from
Mrs Gen. Parker
(the Gen's present
address)

Mrs. Richardson
Jamaica Plain, Mass.

Harris Gen. H.C.

Mrs. Hyde
Brookline, Mass.

Mrs. Gould
Newton, Mass.

Mrs. Lord
Newton, Mass.

Mrs. Dr. Burnham
Mrs. Gen. Parker
Mrs. Gen. Parker

Henry, E. Bailey Eliza Jane have closed their
Schs. & Fanny B. expects to close this week. We
have been in constant receipt of Letters
since 5th Jour father went to Andover Mass. to hear
J Cheever & H. W. Beecher speak. Hear from them & returns
feeling very well paid for taking the journey. The
same day, Geo. went to Concord & brot home with
Geo. N. Warden - who has been here until
9 o'clock this day 18th Geo. C. has gone home
with him today. Geo. N. M. strikingly resem-
bles our dear departed Alfred, in looks, man-
ners - size & gate. The two boys played & sung
many times - & it was very sweet music to us.
Mrs Anderson, & also Mrs. Caldwell spent both
of them, one night & a part of two days here last
week. & the evening Mary C. was here - five more
from the Caldwell family, call'd & spent a long
& very social evening. Mrs C - Alice Ed.s wife -
Henry - who is now a member of Pembroke Sch.
& David C - Gem. who is a student at Dart-
mouth. Geo. Swift & M. Burnham are now at
home. So we have quite a company of students
Little Willie Carter grows finely & his Mother
grows fat too. Father remarkable, while many
Sch. H. have recovered, we are to be at meeting.
Mrs Bd. & Jones keep company with Mrs Jones usual.

Now, my daughters, for your benefit & pleasure I will tell you about the Parker of Concord. You remember I went there & visited Saturday & spent Sab. & came home before breakfast Mon. Morning.

Mrs. Parker is spoken of as a very clever lady. Woman I mean - She can if need be take hold of housework, & do it well - & does it - Tho. she has so many callers. I wonder how. She is very much commended for plainness in dress - & I shd think moderation in fashion. She is rather above common height - perhaps a little taller than Capt Hixon's wife. Has a good form - good looking - Has intelligent - not wh. the world calls beautiful - but on which we reached there a spotted dawn of muslin, about like your purple & white - Is rufflein - wore the same dress to Chh. next day - & nothing in bonnet, cape, or anything else about her, that wd be likely to take the attention of any one from the speaker.

It has been said that Mrs. C & her two children had cost $20-000. Mr P is very fond of the children as well as the mother. She said she believed they were as full as well as they did eat. When they went to bed - they wished they cd keep awake to see father & kiss him 'good night' - & was quite a feast with these little men.

When will Isaac get the house ready to move into? Perhaps it will be a first class hotel

Dear Nellie, Yesterday, Aug 6, I received your letter dated July 30/67 from Dumbarton. Glad to hear you are well & prospering. Mother & Father

Aug 6. Cooking. You must prepare for change & be a first Class house wife.

Dumbarton on your way to Edmonton. We received the sad news of Gilmanton. He died at the age of 26 or his brother in Concord, the 24th inst. In the obituary notice of him it is said — "He possessed much ability and readiness as a writer, both of prose & poetry. His poetical talent was particularly marked. But he has gone to the grave in the early prime of manhood, leaving a void in the hearts of numerous friends, to whom his manly & generous nature had endeared him." I doubt not every word of this is true. But O, there is a sad appendix, which can never be seen in print. He was intemperate, and died, I am told, of the Delirium tremens! How many brilliant geniuses & manly natures have been swallowed up in this terrible vortex!

The "plan" answers our purpose well. Much obliged for it. Must close to-day. With love to you, & to Frank, I remain

Yours.

Dumbarton Aug. 21, 1857

Dumbarton Aug. 21st 1857.

Father & Mother

Elysian

My Dear Children,

Tomorrow will be 3 weeks since the little one made his debut - (we may not inquire his name for 6 months, I suppose) yet, when it is fixed we shall like to know it. Glad my heart goes out to you - & my eyes look into your room & even into your bed. I think how pleasant it would be to be with you one day - & be one with you, too - do something that will do you good.

How are you & your nurse? How much is your good Brother with you? Who were with you at the time of confinement? I shd think you equally thro' Rider or "smartness". Those you and baby too are still smart; but we have feared a little because it will be two weeks Tuesday, since we rec'd the great news dated the 4th. We are very well satisfied with the discretion of baby's eyes - nose & mouth. But they will all answer the purpose for which they were made.

We succeeded in putting the parts of the Map together finally as you know your father does generally what he undertakes & he did a great deal of it. We prize it very highly. When the house is done we shd like another plan of that in all its parts. Do you purpose going into it before the coming Winter?
George will be with us but a few days more. as he intends visiting at Penobscot & attending a meeting of the Alumni at Merrimack. Etty, you & Jenny cannot be there. Can you?
Female for. meeting here today - Mrs French from Concord here - There are more than usual sick now - Mrs. B- has been very sick - does not sit up as yet - tho better. - I have to bake this eve to save having too much to do tomorrow. I am glad you have so good help - & all other good things. Etty. I want to kiss you & Deba too. Love to all concerned - Good bye.

Yours ever loving Mother

Dumbarton, Aug. 21, 1857.

Dear Sisters:

Your last announced a great event, the birth of another young immortal to be trained for the skies of heaven. Two of your dear little ones, we trust are already in the Canaan of the blest, where "fragrant flowers immortal bloom, and joys supreme are given."

May those that are now with you, long live to bless you, & to bless their generation. We did hope to hear from you this week, & learn how Nellie & the babe were getting

along. I wonder if the little fellow has any name yet. — This week has been rather a feeble week with our family. George has had a slight touch of the dysentery, & I have had a severe turn of catarrh, accompanied with diarrhea. But we are both better now, and hope to get along well. — Your mother has stood it wonderfully, nursing and doing the housework. I've sent the washing, just now, to Mrs. Clement.

Yesterday was the examination of Miss Fuller's school. It was pleasant

as for us. The girls were dress-
ed in white, wearing flow-
ing wreaths, & the boys had on
their new best, & the old
School-house was fes-
tooned, & otherwise adorn-
ed, so as to be made to as-
sume quite a "green old
age." Miss Julia is really
a superior teacher. She un-
derstands well the branch-
es she teaches, & our town ought
to be well liked by its lay-
ers & children. There were
as many visitors at her ex-
amination as there were schol-
ars, so that the house was
rather crowded.

Affec. Bro. Frater,
J. M. Bateman.

Dunbar Sept. 5th 1857.

Mother Sept 5, 1857

I am glad to receive your & Jenny's letters of Aug 30 & 31. We are very happy to learn that you & baby are doing so well & we trust Isaac is doing as well, as you expect to move into your own house so soon.

We hope & pray that good things will lead to the Giver - & that all will be over for ever. The dear little boys we should love to see (were it best for us) but we can commend them & all the rest of you to our covenant God & rest satisfied.

Now about Jenny, your father is writing to her in reference to Mr Brooks - which I wrote to you about her returning here. Hope you will advise her in both subject & then let her choose or decide for herself. A few weeks ago a little sadness will flit across my mind at the prospect of a cold winter & nobody but ourselves here. I now expect your friend Aaron Hadley to keep our Sch. & board with us. And if you & Jenny think it best for her to come home taking all things into consideration, we shall bid her a hearty welcome & do all we can for her health & happiness. On the other hand if she should be sent to you & Isaac & Jenny should agree

in their power it best for her to remain with you. then let her remain, without reference to us. We wish to have that done which will be best for her, so far as it can be known. You will of course ascertain your father's mind on both. I have both written the mind of both. We are writing thus hastily in hope to Mail the letter Monday, some time. Now Mr Hatch formerly of Hollis to Miss Jenny of West Concord Missouri is married to Mary Jenny of West Concord week before last.

Capt Whipple to Dr. John Eaton of Concord who a few months since married a wealthy lady fr. Boston died with bowel complaint last week.

Mrs Brigham has been very sick for about 3 weeks & is not now only a short time. Capt Kimball is expected to be married to Mrs. Allan from Manchester next Month, I believe. Probably Hannah will exchange names about the same time. We are all destined to Change - Change.

We wish you to ascertain all you can about Mr. Brooks. & write to us the result. Jenny in the letter recd to day, mentions special attentions, & wishes for to see Mr Herbert E Brooks & wishes for

Clarksville Nov. 12. 1867.

Dearest Ally, My letter you know are pretty much little news - I mean those I write you. I thought I would not tell you all I might have done, as the last, as we have so many changes. Guess now taking place here.

We find it is now settled that Lucy Calb is to leave home week after next for ever. We will stop a few weeks in Chicago & then sail for California - on her arrival at San Francisco. She is to be married to Mr Doubleday & go to Columbia to live. Mr D - (you Martha choose & you with Lucy) others to hear her express are there. Mr Calby is expected to be married to Miss Fanny Stinson soon. Mrs Cavis is going on Monday to meet her husband, in company with Lucy L—

A letter fro Geo. tells us he had a delightful journey to Union. He found sister Hand very unwell. Said she had a dreadful cough. & unless she had help soon, she said probably soon leave us.

Yesterday we visited at Mr H. Clifford's where Kay is still able to be about house & work some. They are very affectionate

Mr C- put in our choice - when we left a noble great pumpkin. I said we might have some nice potatoes & need not send.

15th just received letter fr. Isaac & Lettie thanks for so much - & for so much good -

I thought I had long ago gratefully acknowledged the reception of Hazzie's letter from Eliza T. Mills. read 10 or 12 Chap.s to me. Jenny heard several chap.s in course eve. I have read some myself - but not this yet. I was pleased & affected when I read the chap. describing the Mute's brother's death. I have often that since, that people are greatly inclined to neglect those who are deprived of any of the most important senses - when they ought to receive special attention. I lately met a man from New Boston who had been blind from his birth. I tried to afford him some pleasure by conversing with him & reading some to him I found him quite intelligent. In reading Hazzie I feel as tho I am becoming acquainted with your mother - I think it a very well written work. Chr Rice as well be a very good name for baby. Dear baby! Mr Gerrish Parkinson's youngest child died yesterday with bowel complaint & Emma has been sick with dysentery about a week.

Mrs Cook died very soon after I wrote. She had been troubled with flowing for about six weeks. After she commenced it was not expected she would live

Mother

Father & Mother
Dumbarton Sept 23 57

Elgin — Dumbarton, Sept. 23, 1857.

Dear Sir:

This is the Third day since I have commenced "Practice" as a Science (or an Art) of Practice. During all my long Practice I take it upon me, ah. is quite a new occupation for me. But I congratulate myself, as I have no one here to congratulate me, on my success in making it appear in good style. — You see I mean to go to Dresden last Monday, & I take my seat at this Time next, & spend the rest of my time almost entirely in my Study. Writing Sermons? No; Studying Sermons to be preached with in writing. I am more & more convinced in my belief that this is the true manner of preaching, & find I can get on very well at one hour to an hour & a half

hit, in the form of prayer. "I will not,"
is a human sentence, expressing an
want of faith in God. I am confirm-
ed in this idea from the confession I
sing to others in Gethsemane. I have
urged upon them, as I have had occa-
sion frequently, the importance of
temperance in eating. I have not
one of them but [illegible] may be
overcharged. This is the best of ser-
vices I can do for them. But
then could have added, (nearly as these
very words) "I am afraid to trust
myself" which, being interpreted,
means. I am afraid to trust God.
That is my condition. Thy de-
liverance is in God's hand, to provide.
It [illegible] of his own; but I can pray
to attempt to speak and act truth,
without worrying about all the issues;
leave them, and God shall provide
them, & they shall not know what
to say! Ah. Farmer, Come & help us

for to be taken away from the Shackles
as to preach half of the time without
notes. For he has many times at
first hours, that he has spent
so much time with his pen. Two
not
value anything, he says, that he has
begun & many to preach without writ-
ing, & thinks himself to it. He
feels that he has grievously erred
in so confining his pulpit efforts
to written performances. I can-
not see no notes into his pulpit, &
when I exchanged with him,
he was glad of it, & I have no doubt,
from what I can learn, his people
were. I have agreed no sermons in
to the pulpits this year, at home or
abroad, tho' I have exchanged rather
more than usual. But I took care
to have a sermon in my mind, &
a key, & predication strong, to our
it into my hands, and then I find not

the least difficulty in bringing it
to a close is owing to the people. For
it is not the proper way to preach,
when the especial subject as well as the
immediate occasion is the ministry,
to make a mere mistaken "comment
upon Gold's knowledge," instead of
the duty of pointing out the road.

But what am I running on to him
about for? I don't know, except it
is because I happened, just now, to
feel like it. Bell Isaacs and mine
objected for the new liner he was in
San Luis, & with the usual unfortunate
& often very wicked objection to
set it up in the office & to set it.

Next Monday, perhaps, or Tuesday,
I shall start for Portland,
to join the party in N. Dakota
next week. The family visit
in Tuesday, the 30th. I think of
not taking the children on N. Dakota,
I mean, with me at present. Good.
Mrs. Hall is quite well.

Sincerely Yours,
John H. Patton.

Mother & father
Elymer

Friday near the
close that left me with five years
of the age of a man & beyond 4th.
If they remain their days are it is
said labor & sorrow. But, dur-
ing my visit at Newton I call'd
on two dear disciples of Jesus,
one of the other elder I believe,
their faces shone with heavenly
brightness from long communi
on with the Saviour. One of
them was the Mother of Lovell Mason's
wife. They both seemed as full of
enjoyment as their day tene-
ments could hold. By the way,
those two young Bullards who
were killed were the grandsons
of my dear friend Mrs. L. Cot-
ton of Marietta. She was aunt
to Mrs Mason.

I had a delightful journey &
visit to Newton. Saw all my
dear bro & sisters. All in town

[illegible] could about in two carriages of just as
comfortable as more than comfortable
the circumstances. All except Sister
Pond & Holloway were together
a few hours at Br. Gay's - Conversed
with the 116 P.M. readers - & your father
Br. David - Chi & Elmer made me
remarks - & your father bore his praises.
After who Elder & Mrs. Sheldon came
in & took tea with us - I ought to have
named the children & Nieces present
before - but I will now -
Lyman & Albert Elder & Mrs Lapish
Carrol & two children (daughters) &
Lucy Brigham - Lucy Pond - Annie
Brigham - Mrs Shurtz a cousin
of mine, & a pair of their grand
daughters about 11 or 12 years old.
Poor - dear Serena - we do hope
she has been born of the Spirit - Elder
Smith & others spoke of him with
hope - your father & Br. L. & I had
conversation with him & think
he gives, at least, some evidence
of piety. Br. has to endure - &
dress - him - & he is a great care.

affairs.

Mr Gregg was very sick with the hoof fever all the time we were there - so that we did not see him or Henrietta. When we left - it was that there was more hope that he might recover than there had been for some time. Gravhead came from Baltimore to watch with him one night - so we had a chance to see him. He is now a fine looking young man, & from all we c'd learn - his habits must be better than formerly. - Sister Rose has a very bad cough - which if it cannot be removed, must wear her out. There is an enlargement of the Uvula (of course inflamation) which if it cannot be reduced otherwise - must be cut off. This I think is a great measure producer her cough.

Br. Elmer came thro. Elyria about 2 weeks ago - in the evening, between 8 & 9 O'clock. He had with him Albert's wife & two little children. & did not dare to call on you in such circumstances. Albert has a bad cough so that some nights he c'd not lie down - still he remained there alone to settle some business, &

expects to come East about the middle of this month & he thought he could call & see you. I hope he will. Hattie & Allan's are both at home with you. Elmer's at work - St. attending school. All speak well of the [illegible] who married Minnie Paine. They have removed to Pittsburg, Penn.

As to preaching, perhaps the [illegible] members of our family have written enough about it. I [illegible] to think now as then a [illegible] but [illegible] not write on any [illegible] to fill up my letter with little nothings. I hear Br. David preach from "Cast thy burden on the Lord & he will sustain thee." I am glad you have such preaching as you like now. I hope you will be greatly benefited by it & trust you & Grace will ever do much to hold up the hands of your minister. May covenant blessings ever rest on you & the affectionate Wilder's home. God ever watch over you.

Mother.

Dear Isaac.

Since I received your
letter I have been very
much at a loss what to say
in writing Penny to advise you
of it, before I the forwarding letter
of acceptance to you which
I suppose is still in hand. I do
hope you will be
sent, & that we shall
correspond often hereafter
soon. Not that I know any
positive reason for it. He is certainly a young man of
perfect honour, & I think
well suited to your
business, & from
what he is desirous
of, which, as you suggest, is
the most eligible
settlement.

Yours. Gaither.

Constantinople Oct 24th 1867

Dunbarton Oct 24/67

Mother

We received a letter from you two weeks ago to-day & have since received another. I am very happy to hear that you are all well & that you have been enjoying yourself so much. I have been very busy since I came back to Constantinople & have not had time to write to you as often as I could have wished. I have been very busy with my studies & have been very much interested in them. I have been very busy with my studies & have been very much interested in them.

Give my love to all the family & tell them that I am very well & happy & that I am very busy with my studies & that I am very much interested in them.

I believe I have not told you about Miss Collins' wedding. She went to Switzerland to call on Miss Hamlin. Miss Hamlin came home & spent a few weeks with Mrs Brown & family & Dr Long. The Dr & Miss C— were married & had quite a pleasant time tho' it was a little rainy abroad. They had a wedding breakfast & had common bread & butter & cake & a large loaf of wedding cake in the centre of the table. When we returned home — we found two little gold dollars done up in a paper. This we concluded was paid by Dr Long.

25th This week we are having a series of meetings & a general visitation of the families & connections. Dr Hamlin is expected to spend the week [illegible] is expected to spend the week

here & preach most of the time, afternoon and evening.

Last Thursday we had a Sacrament - some of the brethren, who spoke, were affected to tears, & more deep feeling was manifest than I recollect to have ever seen here, when no revival was in progress. In connection with this meeting Br. Jonathan Ireland made a confession for having been overcome - by the intoxicating cup, & was forgiven. Neither his wife or Abby were present.

Dear Children, Yesterday was very rainy - your father preached a little & the brethren talked & prayed - three districts are in waiting. Here but Bro Loveland rejoices in having a new hope. We hope for great manifestations of God's mercy notwithstanding these seemingly frowns - in weather - We anticipate hearing from H. It's not been able to get here yesterday.

How long did you get along without help? And how is Sarah? I hope Jennie will help you a great deal. I have begun to sew a little quilt. Began some 3 months ago. I use upon what new pieces of calico & delaine were in the house.

My health has been decidedly better since my journey to H. I have not heard from friends there, since my return.

How are babies? Still well I hope. Chris Wilson & wife have a daughter. Are you now on this side? All blessings attend you my children near, near not your heart to leave from Love to All from both here & Mother -

Dunbarton
Brother
Lyme
Nov. 4, 1855

Dear Children.

One week ago today, you all left this place, to your precious little Welden — in a dark, cloudy, misty day. Yes you left this place — where you had been called with us, to drink deep of the sweetness & the gall. The contrast in our situation is now very great. We are now [illegible] all of us comfortable — or more than comfortable health. And I do not know that we have ever passed a year of more tranquille enjoyment.

I never appreciated the privilege of being able to dress & undress & wait on myself — as I do now. The same temporal & spiritual blessings which we have uniformly enjoyed — appear to be greater & dearer than ever before. O that we may praise our heavenly Father for his loving kindness & tender mercies to us.

A letter from Lucy Pond gives her

dear brother has lost strength a
great deal since I was there - They
expecting the day she wrote to have
an operation upon the Uvula - if
this does not effect a favorable
change - I shall have little expecta
tion that this beloved sister will
remain in this dying world two.
the coming Winter.
Mr & Mrs Hatch of Warwick
came to see us last week He
must be over 70 years old - but I
never saw him appear so well.
I enjoyed their visit - or call - excee
ingly - They were at Keene, at Silv.
Barstow's on their way here & visi
ted all B. appears very much bro-
ken down, very weak, nervous & excita
ble. And also B. was recovering from
an injury - by being thrown from a
Chaise - they rode to the ground of a
Cattle show - & as they were careless
ly sitting in their chaise - somebody
drove against it & turned it over -
the horse frightened ran & Mrs B.
went under the wheels - she had no
bones broken - but one wasn't very much
injured.
Mr. Hadley & her sister (not Eliza)
have just come from home - they

made a call of not more than
hour. George is so far recovered
to be about house a little he was
wholly confined to his bed 5 weeks.
Will. has been very sick - confined
to his bed 1 week & now cannot sit
up 5 minutes. tho. for a few days
they think him better.
For about four months they have
had 1. 2 & three sick at Mr Holmes
Margaret is now very sick.
Evening. The first part of it we spent
at Mr Safford's. She has a very bad cold
as almost all our neighbors have & quite a
number of children - several of the Burn-
hams - one Morse have that yellow com-
plaint. They took a dear precious Mayo
did some time before he had dysentery.
Mrs Safford enquired about you & the
babies & said - O how I want to see them!
I believe we have told you that Lawyer
Hatch married Mary Jenny of Concord &
thought of going into Minnesota to live.
But political affairs looked so dark
there that his courage failed & he stopped
in Bloomington Ill. & is getting into
business there. I am sorry Mr Hatch did
not stop to see you - Mr Hilley of Gos-
town has just returned from Minnesota
where he has left Sarah with his
two families in Northfield I think.
Mrs. Bath made me a visit a few

* I said if he had known where you were he would have called.

not know but I have told you about
She came with Mr Ray & spent the
Sabbath - She said her parents did not
live far from you, in Huntingdon - &
a brother a little South of you I believe
but I cannot think of the town -
Mrs H - Burnham still lives - & remains
remains there - She was at meeting last
Sabbath - & sends much love to you all
We like our new neighbors very well;
Mrs Kimball, mother has come to
spend the Winter with them - & as the Doctors
are mostly stopped work, Stevenson has come to board with Mr & Mrs
Colby.

I think if you were [illegible] in comparison
from here to your country - but it will
be a small affair compared with many
any 50 - 60 - or hundreds of miles. Hope
you will get [illegible] comfortable; take
special care that you may not take
cold - any of you. I have made at
least 8 calls & one visit this week.
Love to all Yours &c - to Mother.

When you get into your home,
please send us a particular description
of it. Our series of meetings closed
Sabbath last, continuing 8 days.
We think they have been blessed;
an impression, tho' we know not of but
who have expressed hopes of pardon and
acceptance with them. One of them
a young man. Meetings [illegible]
[illegible] Lord. Father.

going to the house of God hear his word preached & keep it holy Sabbath seh. has been mine today. I do esteem this day the best of the week. Oh, will not you Jenny look out, when you can, a text pertinent to the holy sabbath. Then invite - Allusions to it & How it is to be observed - Positive Directions in connection with its sanctification Commandments & threatenings for not remembering to keep the day holy &c. &c. Now, let me tell you, as I am fond of reading & have taken 'Home' I become more & more interested in it, and, have I ever give you a little extract

the conscientious observance of the Sabbath, I have ever noticed, acts as a bulwark of morals and religion, and as a wall of defence against temptation to evil. On the contrary, let the obligations of that time be disregarded & the day be given up to

Martin came home from Mr. Allen's. Has been very unwell for two days. The times are everywhere very hard. Love to all. How baby has been? Lizzie? Will write soon

ness & recreation, and a gate is open
to vice & irreligion in every form. "
Thoughts on Sabbath should be the best
& most effective of any during the week.
God wishes to enter the heart most sacredly
& most deeply then, and with least dis-
turbing influences from the world."
We have just completed our lessons
on the 4th Commandment in our Sabbath
Sch. To me, they have been very interesting
& profitable. And I hope to be
able to keep the day better than ever be-
fore; in thought, word & deed.
In reading "The death of Henry Dwight
Edwards" in the Nov. H. M. I thought - he
was a noble man & Christian - No one
on earth can tell how much good
God did by him. He through him
poured my mercy - your beloved
Israel - was poor on the stage
of action, & laboring in the cause
of righteousness & none can
tell how much good in yet
to be accomplished by him. The
Lord speed him & bless him in
all his works. Our love goes to
his wife - She has always said
& ofttimes - to enter his vineyard
& labor. Thus we are working &
praying & may yet have time.

19. This eve. Your father has gone to Mrs Fuller's to a prayer & conference meeting so I am at her desk talking to you. I can almost see you & hear you by my side. Monday P.M. Warhei & called after I got home Mrs B. to fix over my velvet bonnet; called to see at John Perkinson's Tuesday did my common work & went to Chh conference was long. Wednesday visited at Mr. Leggett's after ironing. Thanks for your good letter - who cares Tuesday Hope your dear mother & Carrie are now well. I do not forget Lev. I have been forming an acquaintance with Lorin Harris for your sake. (I got two) & today have said good bye to all the present. If she ever leaves this way again I hope she will not pass us by. Today eve. Last evening Mrs David Jenny died, with Lung Fever sick 10 days. This will be sad news to Lizzie She was but 63 years old - very near your father's age. How often providences seem to say emphatically "watch; for ye know neither the day, nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh"

Last week on Wednesday eve Mr H. Caldwell & Miss Hannah H. were married. All the Capitol children were present except Sethis wife their sick - not expected to live; altho

grandchildren too were there 6 in number. Liggie's babe & David's, both fat & pretty. I call DG wife beautiful but he is the same old Spencer. Fenny, now a sentence for you. I prepared as splendid & great a banquet as the season will allow & after the ceremony of marriage & viewing, which the bride & bridegroom received standing. When they were seated, I spake to the ~~bride~~ & presented the bride with the bouquet. She went to her new home that we. There had been a great deal of talk about br. Ireland - his good mother told me before she left she feared there wd be trouble. At the time he was hurt people noticed him on his way home & expressed their fears that he wd fall out of his wagon & wd not reach home safely. Both our drs. labored faithfully with him. You probably knew the before he professed religion he was very intemperate. The sch is just off till after Thanksgiving. Which is next week. Miss Loveland expressed a hope not long after the death of her grandfather but did not unite with any Ch. as they were destitute of a minister. This is what she said - I do not know why she delays this duty now.

Father & Mother Nov 2/1857
Dumbarton

Elysian

Veiled. Dear Lillie, how much I want to know what R. Hamm's autograph of you grandmother Boyd's copies from the original, is worth. I belonged to you once, but I have parted with it. Another thing, that Mrs. Lord had the fine print of St. Michael by Correggio, from Raphael, by Toschi & Putnam, & Jenny M. Putnam & I framed together, in a beautiful gilt frame, & Mrs. Lord wanted to have it for a present to Mrs. Mather. It makes an other beautiful picture, but I cannot take it. Have it & tell your Pa, I thought the workmanship of your picture, was it was taken in some country, & that I now regard it, & prefer, our dear little cupboard. It is so advantageous among the Rhone valleys & mountains. Now what I have to say is this - if you will see if you can exchange the Lake & get it workmanship to fit

Sept 1, I see it can't afford
us a great deal of pleasure to join
it the place which the Dr. daguer-
reotype now occupies. I think
would add much to the beauty of
the whole picture, & give an un-
usual satisfaction in viewing
it. In fact say I can't have an old
fashioned "family" round the dinner table
& be complete without you write, to
tell us where the health of all the
family is, & how the babies prog-
ress. What say you, Mary Chandler
Rich & Jack? Debt how stands?
Hyacinth health, & how mother,
& grandmother & aunt.

Love to all.

Come all hands & keep
Thanksgiving with us
if you can; we have excel
lent beef & pork - & tomatoes
are yet plenty in the garden
& Apples plenty at R.H.

26 Nov 57

believe, I believe there were ladies, or women on Ohio who were interested in the Hoorne for the Friendless" & I was very glad to hear it from you. Have you taken your paper since you left here? You know, perhaps, the Managers of the Soc. that they income do not allow them to send out papers gratis to life members by 10. dollars. Now there is a proposition to double that sum to make a Life Member - or those who are Life Members by the payment of 10. to pay 10 more & receive the Paper as long as they live. In this time of distress, I have concluded to pay another 10- & tho I may not live to receive the paper half that number of years - I do not think I shall regret it. I hope some others here will be induced to do the same. Some Clothing & provision too I think will be sent on.

Mr Lon. Parker preached today from "Mercy rejoiceth against judgment."

29 Sabra L. was at meeting here today.

Our dear-beloved Mrs Clifford after assisting in preparing the remains of Mrs Tenney for the grave - went home & that night was seized with the same disease, & now, her cold clay tabernacle is waiting to be laid in its last resting place.

Thus every man draws after them, as innumerable have gone before." She, also, was C&E Dear, lonely Isaac - I do hope this severe affliction may draw him to Jesus as his best friend.

We had quite a pleasant visit from your fria and genny - most of the day Friday & saturday until after breakfast; but of that I suppose your father will wish the privilege of giving an account.

What tunes did the venerable Mr Beck sing at the P. Corner meeting? And what were his parting words?

Your old friend is here by my side writing - She commenced skl. today. Geo. & W. had typhoid fever - Geo. does some little work about house - W. has a good appetite - tho. it is only about a week since he could stand alone.

My bedquilt makes slow progress do not know when it will be finished Mrs. B. priced two of materials some worn we are going to quilt them this week. I find a good living for one. Happy babies. Pray for them. God has prepared everything for your comfort & I expect you are now in your new home. And there

Father & Mother. Dec 1, 1847
Dunbarton,
Elgrica

Tuesday Morning, Dec 14th.

Dear Lillie — Have you thought enough yet to write me a letter? I must have a very interesting one.

You will perceive what I have written to Jenny that I do not wish to let Jessie unnecessarily impress upon her mind, that I have removed, that I do not appear as usual, & by thus intimating my absence, it has appeared. Perhaps had I left upon Jenny's mind no impression

In regard to Jenny reading, we should like to have you & Isaac read to us. — As to Byron's poems, we would have but very little time spent in reading them; only enough to give a general idea of the character of his poems, and to [illegible] if we intend to read.

of his poems are sad, just as there are some sad traits in the character of men. But as we would wish to make such persons as Lamartine, Scott, Byron, &c. to make ourselves familiar with Byron's poems.

Byron, it is not to be denied, had genius, - but he ranked it, himself upon the altar of passion. He was a misanthrope - a hater of his species, and his poems breathe and reek with misanthropic spirit. Reading his poems much, would tend to give the soul a tinge of this dark & melancholy character. We should only look at them, to avoid them as we would the cells of those incarcerate in prison, thus we might avoid the crimes which caused them to be tenanted.

We rejoice to learn that your dear little ones are well, & that young can have such pleasant times with the little ones we have never seen. Give my love to Sophia, & tell her to take care of them with much patience, and perseverance.

Our health is as usual, except Sophia is confined with a cough. Hope getting better, & will write you soon.

Yours &c.

Evenbarton Dec. 13. 1857.

My Dearest Nelly,

Not quite as well as usual for a few days. & today, rather sick. just as we were about to retire last eve. our Shepherd, our old friend came in to spend Sabbath with us. He has preached this A.M. & gone now, with your father to the Conc. Evening.

I have fasted & vomited several times; this eve. feel better & think I shall soon be in usual health.

I did not expect you to give me an account of your Bible Study. tho. it may be profitable. if you will like to do it.

16th Monday eve. Mr C. K. & wife & Mrs A. Lewis & wife & Lizzie Twiss made us a long & pleasant call. Dentist J. B Prescott was here too. Tuesday eve Capt K. & wife Mr Br. & wife & other brethren who usually come to the prayer Meeting were here. This eve. Mr Bean The C. S. Com. Lectures in the Vestry. 1/4 past 8. Your father has just come home, says they had a good audience & good Lecture. Came here as usual for lights — Shameful. Ann has the North room. & keeps a fire most of the time, when she is out of school.

What have you heard from Mrs Rider for months past? The last I heard from her. was that Mr R's sons wished her to purchase their place. but she had not determined what to do. Is your dear mothers health generally as good as it was two years ago? I hope she has recovered from her cold. How are Bungor &

& Mrs friends. Where is Mr
Farber?

Mrs Orne returned from Cal. 2
2 weeks since they are going to
Vermont, among his relatives.
I have not heard from Westboro.
since that operation was perform
ed. I do hope it has today —

Concord, March 15, 1871.

19th Dear dear little Wilder mean
grant? Does little Charlie eat
alone yet?

Will there be likely to be a place
in your high arch that Jenny could
fill, next season? What do you
think I do about her returning
here in the Spring? It seems
her mind is fully made up to do
so unless we think otherwise.
Your father has written to her our
minds on this subject.

Many thanks again to Isaac for
the plans of Village House. We
love to look at them. It makes
us feel grateful to God, that he
has so blessed you in temporal
good things. Be much in prayer
dear Children, lest your heart
be lifted below the Giver — Up — Up
for this is not your rest. But
daily present your thanks for
a "sweet home" while waiting
for the rest that remaineth. Is there
no way to escape from the bad
news of the dear baby? May your minds
be on the thing required. Your Ab — ate
weather.

Dumbarton Dec 24. 57.

My Dear Children,

This is what is called Christmas eve. I suppose you have some great doings in Elgin; but we are as quiet & still as tho. no such day was ever heard of. I have there was a child at one of the Mr Lords a week ago. This is only gathering it has come to my knowledge. Mr E. Rider has a slow, tumor over it has been feared he would recover - but your father met him today & he said he thought him better. Dreadful cold & snowy here. I would come & see you & expect. Mrs Lord is now sick. We sent a fine shark by your father today. You asked who have endeavored hope Mrs Hastings - now gone to Boston - Sylvania Farmer & Benjamin Ford - And there is as great a change as Mr C. Ridley as tho. he had just experienced the new birth. He now appears like

an active Christian. May he or
dure us to the end. There is also
a change in his wife. I never
saw any manifestations of piety
in her before our recent efforts
to promote a revival. We do
hope & pray that God will not
take his Holy Spirit from us,
but show us greater things than
these. More of his power, more
& love in bringing sinners to
himself.

I have been thinking today how
differently you are situated from
from most of your old companions & many other ladies in D.
Your father & dear Mother Rider is
today - Mr Rider & baby at home.
She had just risen to the bars &
turn out cattle. Then at Mr Hill
Stinson's - Oliver & little Willy
who is confined with a broken
arm - the same the war broken last
year - but in another place. Fat
frying over the fire & corn bread. So
came from the mill. Neither also
Rich. I have any help. These are
women whose husbands have
provided enough to live themselves

& have their wives like ourselves. Probably the poorer ones, like Frank's & Elizabeth's & others. Who do the common house work & take care of their babies (are some easier than the rich ones do. Deliver me & mine from riches - if by having them we must be slaves to this world. May you and I have them for the good of ourselves & others that the "rust of them" may never "witness against you"!

We rejoice that the little grandboys are in health & safety.

A letter, a few days since from Nettie & gives us encouragement about Sister Lucy - the operation had a favorable effect for a short time; but fever cough is now bad & we have nothing to expect, but that she will soon fade away & follow her departed husband. The world believe have the same Almighty arm for their support - which sustained their departed friends.

28th Remember, give my love to Nettie & daughter, & am now filling her place in

some thing in it is large enough to fill a little more than your sitting room in a house. The is very pleasant, but not quite as interesting at St. Paul as we anticipated. We have succeeded very well in our house. It is cloudy & rather gloomy weather. The ground partly covered with snow, but not enough for sleighing. Mr. Colby's Norman Peet has come to the Star State Place, has purchased an interest; a good man & woman, Mr. Daniel Clough, Br. to Mrs. Colby with quite a pretty intelligent wife & two little boys, who both attend with Lee in the Colby house, which I suppose Mr. Rogers owns. Mr. C. appears to be a good man; both he & his wife professors of religion. I do not know as they have heard yet of Lucy Colby's arrival in California.

I hope you have recovered from colds & are now well. I have considerable pain in the leg which was broken sometimes so as to keep me awake nights. seems then matter but not very bad. Your father joins in much love to you all

Your Aff. Mother.

Dumbarton Jan. 12 1858

Dear Children, Mother

Mrs. Upton Dumbarton N.H.

You did not answer the question, What do you think about Jenny, returning here in the Spring? We wish to know. We would like to know something of Elvab & family. How does he get along in money matters? And how do they all do?

Mr & Mrs Hammond have another daughter. I believe promising. Mr & Mrs Rider are still very unwell, tho. she is better in regard to reason. but complains of her head - that it does not feel right.

I believe I have not told you that the Colby family received information - that Lucy arrived safely in Cal., and was there married - & went on her way to Columbia. Mrs Rogers feels badly wickedly. Does not go to her fathers not speak to Fanny.

I am very glad the good people have laboring for the Home. These benevolent societies seem like moral northern lights streaming up to lighten this dark world. If you do not take the Ad. & Guard do borrow the first one in this year, & read it. You may hear fr. Westboro. in it. as well as Elyria.

We are comfortable at home but we do not expect ever to visit Elyria tho. it is possible; but are saved from anxiety about you. You have a husband so good to care for your health & comfort & withall so able to do it. This is a great relief when we must be so far separated from you.

Give much love to your good mother. I think of her, as I do of you all, more, a good deal more than daily. May she enjoy reason & "bring forth fruit" in old age even to the end of life, beloved. Pray that your own parents may do the same. Accept love fr. your father - he is writing to Geo. Kiss the little boys. Your all the time

Barton Jan. 12th 1868

We mailed a letter to you yesterday; but I did not get it written the day before because your father hurried me so I forgot what I ought most to remember. Your New Year's present came safe for which I give you many thanks. I hope I shall visit some where, so as to have a chance to wear it. If I do not I shall put them on at home. My dress is a very dark wine colored Poplin with that black border. I sent by Mr Bond for a neat fine wire common dietaine but he said he c'd find none. I like this as well for winter. & he says I may wear it in the spring.

I do not hear from dear Sister L as often as I wish to. When I am very much worried for breath & cough hard. I think how much worse she is & how very little rest she has in the night. While I

Will Porter, Lewis Porter, Hattie Porter, Mary Porter, Nellie Porter, Annie Porter, Lewis

generally next quite well.
Wednesday morn. 28th. We have just returned from the Wedding of Mary Ridd. She is now Mrs. Baldwin. We were a second cousin before nephew to the John Leech, who once lived here.
They go to Merrick Village, or it is now named Lacona. No company at the wedding. We were at Thomas' She told me they expected to meet a company at her husband's father's this evening.
Sabbath eve. I have been at church & Sabbath sch. & now feeling some weak & weary am at home alone, while others are at a prayer-meeting at the vestry. I am praying & hoping for new manifestations of God's grace. But it is yours to be quite patiently wait.
Perhaps before this reaches you, you will learn from some other source, that another of your dear Cousins have passed away, never more to meet us here. Your Uncle Family Mary, his youngest went triumphantly on the 11th of this month we believe, to receive the Crown of Life. The Lord taketh away the sin of the world. No one was left awake on her account till the last night of her life & she died at 15 ct. all. I will not repeat her words

with manifested her triumph over death & the grave, as probably you will receive them from some of the family.

I cannot but feel that you remember the earnest desires of my dear parents for their grand-children & who has arrived to maturity have died - & left very decided evidence of their love to Jesus & of the other we hope. Should not this as well as the belief that some fifteen or more are now in his service here encourage us to pray with strong faith that those who are yet out of the ark of safety may this year be gathered in. Time may the great-grand-children, early seek & find the Savior.

A letter from Fanny tells us that Sister L. is very comfortably sick - so as to ride a few miles every fair day. She says she has more courage about herself - than others have for her. She said if she did live until Spring, she thought she & Sister Ell - might come to Dansville. Sister Ell has not had a sick day since our family visit.

Mr Watts, died last week aged 96. Mrs Rider comfortable. Mrs Barnham still lives & our hope has passed from death to life. Heaven always owns

love to you all. She has been a great comfort to Ellen B. & the family. Yesterday we rec'd yours to Ellen & Fanny all well & rejoice with you. Dear Geo. too, we had good news that he has still a little cough.

Jan. 29. Dear Isaac & Nettie:

Thank you for your kind approval of my state of mind during the week of prayer. Our meetings were seasons of great interest. O that I could live entirely to God night & day, and not only live but labor, as a dying man to dying men, with a heart drawn out by the manifold love of God. I cannot imagine how much more fully & constantly I should be engaged in the work of preaching & getting souls into the kingdom of God, if I were entirely devoted to the ministry. The subject came up for discussion at the last meeting of our association, & it was held that any member, & with the consent of a majority vote, the association could ordain persons of their choosing. Mr. Wallace & the newly settled minister at Manchester, Mr. Adams, are going into it, & perhaps Tracy, Fanny, & one being half of the time with another person, & I do, for 12 or 15 years. And they recommend that ministers begin when they are young, — which accords with my mind. Still I would recommend to every young minister to avoid all the sentimentality & dark talk, & to preach with the same time & ability to get the same time that he preaches without the trembling which his heart continues to feel. This day, he felt all the advantage of waiting so many years & preaching extemporaneously. Am I not right?

Yours &c.

Miss Nettie Clark

Dunbarton, Feb. 3, 1858.

Dear Nettie:

In until having come to town, to stay a few days, we thought it a good opportunity to obtain a few lessons for you, you remarked not long since that there [illegible] a good deal like the one in [illegible] face, and the old fashioned. The ones we got in mind face, one [illegible] here quite good, & we hope they will suit you.

Now as to [illegible] this time by mail [illegible]. It has but one [illegible], and that dear, it would [illegible] all to [illegible]. When I [illegible] the letter, my head was made [illegible] to [illegible]

that it contained Some-
thing, which I took for
granted to be jane's pic-
ture. Struck off the cover,
and, O horrible! there was
Nothing, looking as
if the "head of expression"
had been upon it. Such
sadness came over me as
You can never possibly con-
ceive than. I shrunk,
but I hoped it was only
the glass that was cracked.
The picture that was shiv-
ered, & that it might be
replaced, & the picture
saved. I carried it to the
window, & he examined, &
found that the picture it-
self was broken, & there
was no remedy. Then sad-
ness came over me again,
for it had all the appear-
ance of a most excellent

picture, so far as I can
discover, — & the artist pro-
nounced it. We can only
hope <u>& pray</u> for. If you will
enclose the picture, I pre-
sume it will come safely.
We remain. Father.

Dear Nettie, Feb. 4th

We told you, I believe
in our letter Mailed the 2d. that Frank
Pelham, and dear Niece had embraced
religion, apparently with their whole
heart. She wrote to a school-mate
immediately after in dulging a hope,
with the hope to bring her to Christ;
She has received a reply. That she
was resolved to be a Christian.

How cheering to think of the
Christian influence, going from
heart to heart, from town to town
till it shall "cover the earth as the
waters do the sea."

Tuesday evening the neighborhood
(the elderly part) were invited to visit
Mr Caldwell, A pleasant visit —

I had some personal conversation with Alice the day the last letter went more on the subject of religion lately than before. She hopes her brother Henry will become a christian & the might think it honorable for him to become a christian & a minister. I know not her motives Henry expects to enter Dartmouth College in the Spring. A junior young man has been his room-mate in Pembroke & is to be in College.

Mary Abby seems lively as ever now. She still remains out of the Church & we do not see what we wish to, of christian fruit - in that form ; but he who seeth the heart sees.

We have written twice so near together, your father says - we may not send again for 2 weeks, unless we have something special to write.

Love to all - old & young. People ask if you write anything about coming here. We are obliged to say, No.

Baby does not grow as yours - Precious little one dear. Be thankful for the health of yours. Love affectionate Mother.

Dunbarton Feb 13. 1858.

Dear Betty,

I do so wish I cd talk a little to you this evening but, as I have no daughter, no sister, "with whom I may whisper" I go to Jesus, that ~~o~~ or present Friend, & commune with him & am sustained, & cheered, as I need. Are you blest with revivals with you? It seems to me there has been no time in my life, when ~~God has~~ been so generally pouring out his Holy Spirit, as now. and I cannot but believe he is secretly working here.

Last Tuesday, Mrs. Will. Burnham died. She has long been a great sufferer, & death has been a great comfort to her. She had for some time past, had different views of herself, as a sinner & of Christ as a Saviour from whom she used to, & we hope she was prepared for a better world.

Some weeks since your father repeated the Hymn to her, beginning

Jesus, Lover of my soul" &c
She often called to have it read
to her afterwards, & repeated some
of it, when dying. The 14th of John
too - she frequently desired to have
read to her. except Love &c. Senett
The two little motherless girls
cling to her, & she will remain
there I know not how long. The making coffin of
John Clement has been bleed-
ing very often for nearly 3 weeks.
We expect every day to hear that he
too, has gone, to the world of Spirits.
He has seemed glad to see your fa-
ther & thanked him for his advice
He has been able to speak only in
a very low whisper, since this
profuse bleeding commenced.
Mr & Mrs. Andrew Twiss have
a daughter, about ten days old.
18th The artist, who took our pictures, was
at capt Whipples. & Mrs. Brown chose
to have me put on her collar & pin. so
I let her do it. She laughed & remarked
my collar & pin will go on to Netty.
She'd like to see little Charly's face -
whenever you please to send it. Seneth
wants it too. & if one comes, we can
have another taken from it. Dear
little one, Has he been publicly given
up to God yet? O may you give him
up in faith - believing that the blood of

if Christ & nothing else, through faith in his blood, can cleanse & save his soul.

We have been living in the region of zero for some days - sometimes a little above - sometimes below. Snow blowing most furiously much of the time for a week it seems as tho it must have moved all it can, till the wind changes & carries it back again. Our garden so usual holds a great part - yet [illegible] most all.

Since I commenced writing this P.M. We have walked, to read a letter fr. George all well. & one fr. Mrs. Iceland - & one very affectionate & daughter-like from Mary H. She has been sick 5 weeks & is better. [illegible] the thought she would write you soon - but wished to answer & have now unanswered letters, these, & one fr. Mrs. Barstow. Hatch - & Lucy G. Bond. And I suppose I ought to write to H. D. N. Has she written to you since you have been in Ohio?

You have not said anything about Clark's family a great while. We'd like to hear fr. them & Ch. & Mrs R. Sabbath eve 21. I have been at meeting all day Ch. Kimball conveyed me there & back - It snowed yesterday - the greatest storm we have had this Winter, but it was clear this morn & people came to meeting from most parts of the town.

24th I have just returned fr. a call at the town Two families - seen the little baby girls all very well in their neat kitchens. And

I learned th. Mrs. Rogers had a 2d son born Sunday night.

Husband is writing a long letter to Jenny. I do not know how it may affect her. We have often wished if Mr. Brooks is an honorable man & honors his profession of religion, that Jenny could reciprocate his affection for her. It is very painful to us to think of her being ever united to Albert - Unless he should become a very changed man. Your father has had several long conversations with A. & feels convinced now, that he is quite a decided Universalist; he did not think until recently, that this was the case. And this is the subject of the letter your father is now writing. We wish you would tell us soon as you can whether she seems to be much troubled about it. Whether she lets you see the letter & talks freely with you about it; & whether there are any indications that she would be willing to break off intercourse with him.

We suppose Isaac is very busy still improving & making improvements all about. We endeavor to look in upon you all very often. would like to hear you & Jen. sing & Isaac read, but our hearing organs are not quite acute enough. We cannot succeed with them to sing as one singleton. She desires love to her sch. will close next week. very honorably we expect. Does your mother have a fire in her chamber? I trust you will do every thing for her comfort that is possible. Good night. Mother.

March 30, 1858.

Dear Nettie:

You call your letters "vague". But we assure you they are very acceptable to us. We should be glad of longer ones, but we know your cares, & will excuse you for writing short when cares press.

How did C. Jameson preach?— Answer— He preached a very well written sermon, correct in language & sound in doctrine. But it appeared to me that his genius had been cramped, & the fire of his soul in a great measure extinguished, by the long & dry training of the Schools. O dear! to have a young man of naturally good talents, spend four years in College, & three years at the Theological Seminary, & then come out & read a sermon, to an assembly of immortal beings - all "gentle as the sucking dove", - occasionally

raising his eyes. Ah! but instantly drooping them; as if afraid he should see somebody, & scarcely making a gesture or strongly emphasizing a single word presents a comment on the modern systems of educational training, which makes me almost sick at heart to think of. In the foregoing sentence, I have fairly represented Dr. Cobb's manner of delivery. And my opinion is, if we cannot have young men better trained at schools, they better have private tutors, who shall kindle up the fires of genius, rather than pour on so much cold water. I have, I am sure, my account of matter & manner of this young preacher. What do you think of it? Please answer in your next.

One word on another subject. Your mother has in a former letter, made some inquiries about young Brooks, but received no answer, - it probably escaping your mind. We feel interested to know more about him. Does he appear to be a decided Christian? Are his education and manners good? Is he industrious & enterprising? Does he now manifest any partiality for Fanny? Some information on these points would be pleasing, as his name has repeatedly been mentioned in letters from Elyria. Shall we hear something in reply to this above in your next? Uncle Sam's mail-bags bring us no image or Nettie Bell, but a broken one!

Sad, is it not?

My health is good as usual. Your mother not quite. Lovingly, Father,
love to Isaac.

Your father has gone to see John Clement, who yet breathes - but unable to move or speak but in a whisper. Mrs. Safford a week since was taken bleeding, she had for some time had a bad cold & cough. The Dr. calls the disease congestion about the heart or lungs - & thinks she may recover from it.

I believe I told you John & Sarah M. Kimball had a daughter. Sarah is not so perfectly well as Mrs Swain is, there are fears she will have a fever. Susan K is feeble. The Marshall girls are going to live in the north part of their house. Old Mr. M. willed to Mr. Gutterson & Eliza Dow - $100 each.

Allen's Chamberlain's wife has been so unwell as not to go abroad at all thro. the winter. Her husband & Oliver W. are just recovering from measles. It is feared O. will never be well.

Sylvester still in Call. His wife feeble.

Business Men in Concord have a prayer meeting fully attended a 9 A. M. In Manchester, a similar meeting at 12. Glorious things are spoken of 2 P. M.

Thanks ma. all for all your kindness - am very glad to hear Lizzie is well - Love to Annie & Hattie. Do write soon. Good night. Love to all.

Your affectionate Father

Saturday Eve. We cannot express the joy which Letters from Elyria this day have given us. I never could indulge the thought of having a child connected with an infidel tant companion for life – I certainly our prayers are answered in getting recent Lecicon.

We were very glad to learn that dear little Charlie was well – Wilder has not cut all his teeth, yet, has he? O may those dear Children early have the love of God shed abroad in their hearts by the holy Ghost. For this I trust you will daily pray. I have often thought of Dr Pond's prayers in his family, when Alfred & Lucy were quite young – tho. old enough to notice what he said, when he called them by name, & asked God to help them to love their Saviour, while they were Children – & be like him.

Yesterday I did a small washing; in the afternoon we had a Chh prayer meeting in our large room, between 30 & 40. There seemed to be considerable feeling, & they agreed to hold pr. meetings until the state Fast. wh. is on the 8th of Apr., every evening, in different neighborhoods. Then we took tea & spent the eve. at Dea. B's. I was very tired when I got home but slept well. I begin to feel a little of the languor & weakness of Spring. Pray for Dan tour. Mrs Safford seems better. Some are sick with measles. Your affectionate Mother.

Dunbarton, Apl. 15, 1858.

Dear Nettie:

Your picture arrived very safely, & we are much obliged for it. We think it a good one, as good as that which was broken; & as a few minutes after it was received, it constituted one of the four worthies, whose combined beauties & excellencies make up so splendid a picture for our parlor table.

At the meeting of the Manchester Association last Saturday, at Manchester, your brother George presented himself before the Asso. for examination for License to preach the Gospel. He read, what they afterwards pronounced a good sermon before them, & was then particularly examined in regard to his qualifications for the Gospel ministry, both in regard to his religious experience, & knowledge of theology. He passed an examination which was satisfac-

by satisfactory to the Asso. and, by a unanimous vote, received a license to preach the gospel. In the evening I preached to a fine audience; & by special request, George followed me in an address to the people, - extemporaneously, of course, and on quite short notice; but very well done. Next Sabbath I expect he will preach for me. The people here do not yet know he is licensed, but will know before the Sabbath, as many came happened to be at Mount Olive & attended the meeting I spoke of, & heard it announced when George was introduced to the assembly, that he had just been licensed as a preacher, by the Methodist Episcopal Church in session. George will spend most of the summer at home, I suppose. As to his Theological course we now expect it will be at Andover. He can there study, and preach in the vicinity, as he has opportunity. This plan meets with my most cordial approbation.

Isaac, you have my most cordial thanks for the full & faithful manner in which you responded to my request in my last letter. Much love to the household. - Father.

2nd Funeral of Atwill - was today. Have your wages baby - Saturday - Mrs Atwill [illegible] ? Friday eve.) 16 Apr 1858.

Dumbarton
Mother & father

I alone in the study while your father & Geo. are gone to Mr Caldwell's to the prayer meeting. Mary E. Orne & husband have gone on to a farm in West Concord, near Mr Jenny's. He would like to take his wife & go back to California; but Mrs. C. is not consent to it. She even feels very bad that she must go to Concord. She will prefer to have them go on to the place where Larkum B. lived, by Mr Ray's. She says, she has but two daughters daughters & she wants to enjoy them.

It seems that the number of the disciples are greatly multiplied with you & rejoice in it. & in the birth of a convert to Christ, anywhere. But we make very little & any perceptible advance.

Friday eve. 23d Rainy. The meeting at Capt W's - your father has gone there & George to Mr Tho. Wilson's to conduct a meeting there. The no. who attend increase slowly. Mr & Mrs Kimball has prayed on several of these meetings. Her wife appeared ready to unite with the Ch

last Fall. but has not been able to be at meeting since. J. Prescott is the only one who has recently decided to be a christian. But we do greatly rejoice that you are permitted to see such displays of God's grace. I hope we shall not grow faint or weary in crying for mercy till it come. Your letter of 4th ult came Tuesday. May your faith & love be greatly increased by what you are now witnessing.

Mary A. Parker is expected to return here in Sept I think. I believe her father expects she will visit Oberlin first.

Dear Sister wrote me a week or two ago that she suffered but little, seemed most desirous to glorify God in life & in death. They occupy a part of Otis house, & are keeping house there now. God is good in taking her house of clay down so gently.

Sabbath 25. About the time of closing the exercises in the house of God this forenoon, Mr Stinson ceased to breathe. This is a case which calls for submission in the pious friends. May they be able to exercise it. I think a serious attention to pr. meetings increases, but that is all, that is seen to be encouraging, unless it is a little quickening among brethren. Daniel's prayers seem very appropriate for us.

Dunbarton Apr 12th '58.

My Dear Children.

Your father & Geo. are gone to Manchester, to attend a meeting of the Mon. Association. altho. it is some rainy, so here I am in the study with books & pictures for company. My tomatoe, have 3-4 & some of them 5 leaves. They look healthy now. Mr Ray preached here last Sabbath, & brought his wife here. She appears womanly, intelligent, & well in all respects, tho. I do not know as she believes herself to be a christian. Mr R. is still supplying at Goffstown.

They have had a great deal of trouble there all Winter among the singers. The Chh. or Chh. & Soc. took it in hand a week or two ago, which resulted in carting out from the singing seats Martha & Ann Hadley & a miss More, the daughter of a Universalist; removed there I guess since you were there. Mr Willy Ray & other good people, believe Ann H. to be the principal leader in this bad business. Mr Willy thinks the whole family of bro. & Sister are exerting a very bad influence in the town. If Ann, while here had any thing good to say of anybody

in Manchester or Concord. Your affectionate Mother

it was the hottest democrats in Goffstown she said she knew nothing about politics, & did not wish to know any thing; yet she seemed to be governed in her views & feelings entirely by her impenitent bros. Charles, Ann told me had not been at Chh. for, I think she said 2 years, & Mr R. said Will. was there but very little. Your father preached there last Sabbath, Geo. & the girls were there in the pew. Ann spoke of the Currs as the most respectable people in G— & as her most intimate friends. There is a young man named Smith, about 17 years old from Sandwich living at Mr. Hadleys, who has lately become a Christian. He has been here twice, once before & once since he indulged hope. He several times called on Mr. R. at his study. His mother is a widow in S— & this son is at Mr Hadley's to work on the farm. He said no one had talked to him about his soul—but he reflected on the subject of religion, & what his grandfather (who was a Minister in Maine) once said to him—till he felt it was his duty to become a Christian at once. for several weeks he was much distressed but has been for as long as 6 weeks a decided—happy Christian.

We have been holding fr. meetings here every evening, for two weeks, with increas-

ing interest. In this neighborhood they have been at different houses - from 60 to 80 in attendance - They have also held them at Dea. P's - Mr Runtin's & Mr L Mills' Those who cd not get to any of these places, were requested to pray at home. John Kimball was mentioned as a special subject of prayer first at a meeting here the burden of the prayer to be that if he were a christian he might come out & take his stand among the people of God. He was soon seen at our meeting, & tho. he was obliged to tend saw mill every night, I believe he has not failed to be at a prayer-meeting for a week tho. some of the evenings have been dark & misty - At the 2 or 3d meeting he attended he spoke - said he had lived for 3 or 4 years in a miserable way; but thought he should live so no longer. Last Saturday eve he spoke twice a few words, & prayed. We hope too that John B. Prescott has made the great decision. The progress seems slow, but we hope for greater things, while we desire to bless God for what he has given.

John Clement died last week, his funeral was attended in the meeting house, Saturday P. M. A large number present. The Tuesday before, he was married while his bride sat by the side of the bed, & took his hand.

Wednesday 14. Sent to. Your father & Geo not come. I begin to think no one will be here to sup with me. but I can take my little mug & eat bread & sweet water with a good relish. It is now fair - cleared away about noon today; hope for a great meeting this eve.

Your letters all came yesterday. O how thankful I felt to see much & so good from Isaac. There was room a little gratitude for Nettie & Jennie. Fanny B. came in after 9 to sleep with me, Ann & you love come to stay all day & eve. alone, said she. The day will seem very long to me. But I told her, no; I am seldom unhappily lonesome. tho. I so dearly love the society of my friends. Rec'd a good letter from Mrs. Barstow for yesterday. The same good work commenced in H. as elsewhere. & hoping others arrives.

I believe I told you Th. Martha Colby is calculating to go to California this summer. Old Mr. Stinson, Potter, has been sick confined for some weeks & we are expecting every hour to hear of his death.

Does Percy go to school?

Give my love to your dear Mother. I often think of her. Will she be likely to return to Maine?

Does little Charley Cook as Wolly did?

I have not seen a May flower yet. If I had one I will send it to Jenny & Wilder. Saw them each a lily from a bed in the front yard. Today I think will finish the snow in our garden. We receive no letter now without the good news of revival. Westboro - London Derry &c &c all about. Does not progress rapidly as with you.

Your affectionate Mother
Mrs. E. L. Hill
in Manchester or Concord.

Dear Children

Your letter of the 9th came today full of the most cheering intelligence; tis cheering that so many are gathered from the world into the fold of Christ, tis cheering that old professors are quickened & raised to newness of life; tis cheering that you are taking an active part in this glorious work. & we trust that every christian grace is increasing in your bosoms - & that you may truly have very sweet & intimate communion with the followers of Jesus - but with the Father - Son & Spirit too. does it not seem so tho. your love will always be warm - your faith strong - your prayers fervent. so, by the help of God I hope they ever will be.

Mr Stinson has conversed with your father a number of times during his sickness. once he said if he were not prepared for death - there was no time to pre-

your father sends much love. their time.

pare he was then in too much pain — No place to prepare here when he had one or two universal wet watchers, a few nights before his death — He shook out aloud (which he had not done for some time) & said, away with your universal ism. I'll have nothing to do with it. But he is gone to one who knows his life & his death, & will judge him aright.

2. In one of your recent letters, you (wh I cannot pay) say my heart misgave me shake of performing duty, misery as duty I believe, "as being in a kind of "bondage" to duty." I suppose we should be obedient to God's commands, as far as we know them. & if we have right feelings, we never wish to be excused from them. In 1st John 5-3 it says For this is the love of God that we keep his commandments & his commandments are not grievous. Should we not feel as Jesus did. When he said "I delight to do thy Will" Love to God shd be the moving spring. Neither do I think we shd neglect duty be-

Love we do not feel like performing it. When it be pres

Mr Strayer preached here last Sabbath. He said women spoke & prayed sometimes in their social pr. meetings. He said their baptist minister said there was no regard to duty here, neither male & female, but all one in Christ. On this point I should like to feel more decided in respect to duty. It would seem that the good woman you mentioned in yours last, was governed by feeling - tho. I am not prepared to think it was wrong. I have loved to pray for individuals - & have felt the benefit of it on my own soul - almost from the time I professed to be a Christian - The young men, who are the head of families - have for some years been made the special subject of prayer in our pr. male meetings - & they have also been especially remembered, by a request, in our recent evening meetings - the very ones you name in your last letter but one. A note in behalf of our singers also. This took up quite a number of the same individuals. I hope the meetings this eve. will disclose something better - if so I will tell you. - As to my clothing I am wearing the same I have all Winter, yet; & I have nothing new to put on when warmer weather comes. I wore my white straw

I like her performing it. Why it be proper for us to pray for individuals & not for communities?

bonnet just as when you left, last Sabbath. I have thought of having the trimming taken off & ironed & sewed on again & perhaps have the cape fixed a little. Then it will do well enough. I have thought of getting something for a coolish dress, perhaps Joplin. It will do to wear at home or abroad. Your collars do good service, I have the linen one on now. black basque & wine colored

Thanks to you Isaac for the account of Elyria ministers. It was very interesting. When does the High School Year begin to operate?

Now, Jenny, about coming home, We think you had best come, when you can have the best opportunity to have good company - Mary & P. George said he believes is expected with in a few weeks. It might be pleasant to come at the same time Mrs Metcalf goes to Maine - if it did be so. Tell her I should love to have her come here & spend as much time as she can - very much indeed. There will be work enough for you to do, whenever you come. For I am obliged to leave a great deal undone. George will not go to Bangor until the last of Oct. We shall be happy to see you at any time & wish you to be here sometime with him. When you can make your arrangements, let us know when you want money, & how much. It will be sent.

May 25. — Rev. Mr. Geo. is now absent in the Wilson neighborhood, where he spent the last night. God seems to be greatly blessing his labours in that neighborhood. Indeed his influence seems among all the people to be great in this place. Those who had had prejudices against him, on account of what took place when he kept school here, are all now his strong friends; & all his labours, whether in the pulpit, or out, appear to be highly esteemed. His preaching, for a young man, is regarded as quite extraordinary. There appears to be but one opinion about it. Several have expressed their astonishment at his success in this, — declaring that they never knew a young man so well equal. Rev. Burnham expressed this to me, a day or two since. He has preached five sermons for me on the Sabbath, — one each half the time we have had. Let

us bless God for his goodness, and
ascribe to him all the praise. I do
believe that God has made use of,
& is now, making use of, Your dear
brother, as an instrument of
great good here. I believe he
has written to you, that he has
decided on going to Bangor Theo. Sem.
in the fall. I am glad of this
decision. I prefer Bangor to
Andover, and considered it Andover
early, because it was so much
nearer home.

Our health in Lawrence as usual.
Love to Isaac.

I believe I told you the Seth Kimball's wife was buried. Her father & Martha & 10 year. ried br'r & sister. I believe follow ed her remains to the grave. Little Allen is at Capt K's.

Mr B. Hammond's last babe is a poor little creature like two others they buried; it now has fits & will probably not live long. I sincerely sympathize with them. The twins are fine chil. dren.

On the 14 Charles Kimball commenced family prayer; & on the 16 Mr Safford did the same with his wife, the next morning she told him she hoped he would continue the practice. I suppose I ought to, said he, & added - begin tomorrow morning No, said she, begin this morning. So he did, & we think these two have passed from death to life within one week. We are hoping -

Mr. & Mrs. A. B. Lyman Sweet babies

Horace Caldwell now speaks from a full heart as does Father

praying & expecting to hear this eve - that more have decided to follow Christ. It has been so rainy & cold I have not been out since the Sabbath.

Sat. eve. Fair today. French & John Ireland & Charles Rider have avowed their full determination to serve the Lord. Ch. R. & J. I. have commenced family prayer - John's wife has had a hope some time before she came here. More will come. We had held daily fr. meetings for six weeks, with no visible encouragement except a well. ingness to attend - Those who have hoped lately within few days - are not "still born" they say they have spoken in meeting from full heart. & are laboring to bring others in.

Geo. has been a great help. No prejudices seem to exist against him - Some have said in regard to some very hard cases If any body can do them good by talking. It will be Geo. Putnam

2d. A family Altar is now erected by Charles Rider. He has spoken several times in meeting. Ransom who is indebted here last fall - appears well. Porter has not me has has been removed. All those are young men capable of great usefulness in the Ch. the first in the place, if we except P. Hart & B. Lord - The two name Mary you mentioned in your letter - they were mentioned by different individuals during the first week of daily fr. meeting, as special subjects of fr. in 3 different ways - 1st Their singing - 2d The unconverted husbands & sisters in the Ch. 3d young women at the head of families. The fr meeting, had been attended nearly 2 weeks before a little child was seen. But it will never be forgotten by me. I wish I'd check in your case: but it cannot be. In the 5 o'clock meeting it was noticed the Mr Lewis Wilson felt intensely, but, he said nothing. He is of such a peculiar temperament that all fear to speak to him. He had for many months been a special subject of pr. in this house. He went home fr. the 3d meeting - & after we had returned, & were asleep about eleven O'clock - a knock at the door waked us. Your father opened the door, & there stood Mr W. in the rain & trembling said, I want you to pray for me. I had told Geo. that eve, that it seemed to me I'd pray for no other one till he was brot in. Hold on said Geo. Your father took him to the parlor. & conversed with him, & prayed with him & he knelt &

& at your father's request I read in broken sentences to consecrate himself to Jesus. Your father at his request prayed with him again. I arose & dressed myself immediately after he came in & went to the chamber & told Geo. Mr W was here & he must pray for him. I came back to the study & if I ever offered the fr. of faith it came to me, I did then; after about an hour had passed I that I would go in & see him - tho. I felt almost afraid to do it. but I went to the door & asked if I might enter - Mr W grasped my hand saying I am glad to see you. We talked with him sometime longer & we hoped he left a new man. We expect to hear from him this eve. & then I will tell you more.

Tuesday Morn. Glorious news! Mr W. went home & sung & prayed; & is going forward from strength to strength. Mrs. Wilk Stinson the first female who has expressed hope since the meetings, very unexpectedly rose & expressed her hope in Christ & determination to serve him. This was at the meeting at Mrs. Fuller's. who George conducts by vote of the Ch. The meetings in the neighborhood, have been alternately at Mrs F's Mr J. Wilson's & Capt Stinson's. At our meeting now attended at the Vestry, Proctor Hammond was among those who desired the prayers of God's people, & we doubt not he will soon have hope-

Edward was taken from us & full heart & soul

Mother.

Will write
will write
Love to
Will write
Will write
Love to
Love to
Love to

Wm for the 1st time attended the meeting
at the Vestry. The meetings in this neighbor-
hood have been removed to the Vestry for room.
Last Sab. eve. it was crowded to overflowing.
Monday 7th We had another precious
meeting in the Vestry Last eve You
enquire about the Simsons, The
Capt tells Geo. he may appoint a
meeting at his house anytime
when he wishes. But we do not
know that he is anxious about his
own soul-Jane is expecting to
leave for California next week
on Thursday, She will go in com-
pany with Martha Colby; & there
is a brother of S— Wilson's wife,
who goes on at the same time.
Martha went to N. G. Last week
Mrs Rogers & her husband feel
& act better-they go to her father's
& are friendly. We are thankful.
Now I will tell you about Mr &
Mrs Will-m Simson. She was
at one of the prayer meeting. little
more than two weeks since & the
remark that 60-or 62 years
was considered the average age
of man. The thought went to her
heart-that she had reached that
age; & before she left the meeting
She resolved to be a Christian.
She went home, took her bible & out

down to reading her husband
returned. She then prayed for some
time. Then went to their sleeping
room & knelt down beside the
bed & prayed aloud. She was com-
pletely overcome. I think it
was the next night he prayed
with her & the children. & con-
tinued thus to do. He & all the
new converts have entered the Sab-
bath School. Names I will give.
I will name from the first & make a dot
by the names of those who have for years
absented themselves from S. Sch.

Ch. H. Hubbard,
Porter Hunt.
Lewis Wilson.
William Stinson.
Harris Wilson.
French never went.
William Burnham.
Procter Hammond
B—— Hammond
Charles Rider & his wife & Will.
Stinson's wife
Sarah Sargeant.
John Ireland.

Mrs B. Hammond is in great darkness thinks there is no hope for her — but we hope she will not long remain so.

Harris Wilson does not like to express a hope that he is a christian, but seems to be going forward.

Tuesday. Last eve, George & I attended a meeting at W. Burnham's, he thought there might be near seventy there.

William Wilson, Lewis' son said in the Sabbath

Wilson. I envy you have been at Concord, for communing with him, do you always

evening meeting, that he "has served the
evil Spirit long enough, & was determined now to pursue a different course
& try to serve God. We do hope to hear
many such decisions this afternoon.
Bro Anderson has been here this morning
& will soon be in again to dine & spend the
rest of the day. Bro Ira Brown & Susan
Esther have both expressed hope. I believe now I have mentioned all who
appear to have been changed. We hope this
is only the beginning of what God will
do for us. There are John Kimball &
wife & Ben. Lord & wife, who have
not yet united with the Chh. who
you know about, they are growing we
trust in grace.

Jenny, when will your term close?
Is your health improving? Do you
think you should enjoy taking
hold of the housework, & being
mistress of it. & call upon me
when you wish for assistance?
I got Mar Em. to sweep most of the
house a few days since - but I thot
there was too much for her to do, so left
the parlor to do when I did. Yesterday Geo.
went in, & took hold of it & gave it a
thorough cleaning - he moved & regulated
it very much in very good taste. It was a no-
ted thing. Is a very comfortable job done for me. The front yd looks
well. There are 6 large peony bushes & a small
one. It is so pleasant, I see somebody drawing little
Charley & Willie or picking flowers. Good by

Dunbarton June 30th 1858.

Dear children,

Dunbarton June 30. 1858.
Dunbarton is
Elysium

Dunbarton is now to us a Elysium, it is to glory now, & whichever way we look, all seems to say "Glory to God in the highest" and we can but response, Glory to God in the highest" for all his works for us. & we will praise him for-

This morning Geo. left us to visit Hartford & friends in that region. He said, he has never left D— before, feeling, that he had any friends to regret leaving, away from the little cot behind the mountain - but now, he felt that he was leaving a great company of kind & sisters, & he might have said father's too, for Capt W. & M. had been a most affectionate & faithful guide, at the close of our little Tuesday evening meeting.

July 1st When Geo. went to the last fair meeting he was to conduct, wh. was held at Mrs Will Burnham's, he called at Mrs Fuller's at the request of Eliza. & there, was handed him by her, $50-00 which she & Mrs Capt Stimson had collected by subscription as an expression

(I have long been wishing to
have the ground over the remains
of our loved ones leveled & made
somewhat beautiful. George
has just done the work.

of their "appreciation of his faithful & efficient labors here, during this present religious interest." I cannot tell you the No. of subscribers, but the sums subscribed, varied from 25 to 8 D. so Wm Stinson's was eight - the Capt's five. I think no other over two. This is the most noble collection that has ever been raised here I believe for any benevolent object. It was very unexpected to us & to God. & we all feel very grateful for it. especially as an expression of the feelings of the people. Susan Stinson, we hope has made the great & good decision - but we cannot yet tell. Ch. Twins attended the young Converts pr. meeting last Saturday eve - & we hope he will not long linger alone among the risen singers. without hope. His wife seems far from right. Mrs G. Burton appears to be near surrendering.

Monday E. Fuller took tea here & rode with Geo. to the pr. meeting - returned & spent the night & next morning till dinner time, H. Colby came in to repair a coat

(I committed three callers to Brigham & Thomas Prescott

Early in the forenoon. Mr & Mrs Ireland came to spend the day & the night & spent one day & night here last week; at one O'Clock Mrs Capt Stinson came to fit the waist to my dress. In half or two later Mrs Safford & Ellen Safford - then Mrs Sargeant - then the two Mrs Burtons - then at 4 O'Clock we all went to the Tuesday pr. meeting in the Vestry. Mrs Will'm Stinson joined those who calculated to take tea here. also Mr. Safford - Mrs Safford had mentioned coming the evening before, as it was the last day George W'd be here. So with we three I had eleven to sup. I happened to have enough & good enough to eat & most of the company worked for me what time there was to work. It was a delightful visit. Your father. Mr Safford & Ged led - each in a short prayer before we separated. Then came the little Tuesday eve. meeting & for the first time, we heard Mr Ch. Kimball lead in prayer - we had not heard Mr K before - th. afternoon. We called it a great day. I slept very well after it. O how good! There were enquiries after you & love for you. Sarah Jane is making my dress - for this I expect to pay. I did not feel able to make it. I have been washing the kitchen floor & my hands are very trembly.

Mrs Ireland expects Mary & Mary D. here in a week or two.

Much love to all from mother.

I commenced three letters & burned them. Mrs Brigham & Hannah Prescott called.

Mr Putnam wishes to know if he cannot pay the money for Jane's expenses home, into Concord Bank & she receive the same from the Bank in Elyria?

Please be particular to say in your next how much will be necessary - & it will in this way be forwarded if it can be immediately - Mr P- does not like to forward it in a letter - he fears its being lost; & it will be inconvenient for him to pay in at Boston. We wish for a reply immediately on your receiving this.

Now, my dear Jenny, we are hoping tho. you can come on in company with Mary A. Barker. I suppose the Dea. has written to her about it - He tho't she w'd call at Elyria. But whether you have any acquaintance or not on your way - be very careful, about baggage - & more so about conduct Be circumspect & retiring - Watch & pray. & may God protect you from accident & evil & safely return you. do.

Good bye to all

About the middle of this month - M. Ann expected.

Yr. Aff- to Mother.

My Dear Children,

Some of you
pretty advice that you might have given when
you come home for a visit, and if
you can dispose of your brick colored
de laine, to your advantage & take
mine, I would like it.

Sabbath eve. While hearing you
preach this P.M. I felt that "He is a
miracle of grace". I have said nothing
to you of his preaching - but I cannot for
bear longer. I hope we feel humble as
well as grateful - that by "God's grace
he is what he is". I should love to
give you a sketch of his sermon to
day. but do not feel able. Text "Now
is the accepted time" &c Your father's
text in the forenoon was "As for me &
my house we will serve the Lord".
It is enough to cheer one's soul to see
our new company come in to the Sab
bath sch. Could you have been here
today you would have exclaimed What
hath God wrought! The work seems
to go on progressing slowly, but we hope this
is but the beginning. It is very remark-

able that George is received into all our families with love—respect & confidence—as much as we can desire. I pray that we may all put on the Yoke of Christ—& "learn of him who is meek & lowly in heart." Geo. will leave us for Westboro. next week. Your father has had some of his old bowel complaint for a week or two, he is some better, but he looks poor & talk—Tuesday morning, they mean to leave & go to Canterbury to attend Con. of Ch'rs. So I shall have one day & perhaps night alone; unless I have company, shall make no fire while they are away. Shall probably make a new spread to put on here in the study. Your dress is very delicate & pretty. I like my green very well; Sarah Jane helped me fit A. & I do not know but she will fit the other one tho. she is some afraid to. Monday. Last eve. the 5 o'clock Jr. met—was interesting as any we have gone before—only we know not of new ones who have chosen the good part. I hoped I cd tell you that Susan Thirston had decided to be a christian—Sarah Jane has just called & said give my love to Hattie. She is good—& Charles. O what a change!

Sunday. Many encouragements since I wrote of. Mr Peterson

Charles spent the evening, the 9th inst. with us—

Dunbarton July 5th 1855

My Dear Children,

You will on this day look back six years & consider it is one verse the first anniversary of your marriage. Monday the 5th today is all about here celebrated as the 4th as it was then.

That day, my dear Nette, we consigned you to the care & protection of one, whom we believed could make you happier than we could, one whom we believed capable of being a "Guide" to you in things pertaining to time & eternity. We hoped too that our precious daughter might be a comfort, & a blessing to that servant of God, her beloved husband. You, dear Nettie, was always taught not to expect perfection in any human being, and I expect you have realised even more than you anticipated. I trust too that you have

Mrs Robt Anderson, Dayton, Allison, Iowa

not fallen below anticipations in love, honor & obedience.
You have, indeed been called to experience, not only innumerable joys - but some bitter afflictions; yet, in these our God has wonderfully sustained you, & we doubt not made all these things work for your good. My dear children, may you be more & more faithful in the performance of every relative duty, & love & serve your God & Savior more & more diligently to the close of life. Then enjoy him forever.
11th It is very warm weather here, now, some cloudy this morning. A letter from Geo. yesterday, told us, he was enjoying a great deal with Uncles Aunts & cousins; He rode every morning with his aunt Lucy several miles. He thinks she is better than she was six months ago. Wonderful! Other friends in usual health. Dear Hattie, too, it is hoped become a Christian. Geo. writes, she is a splendid cousin & Abby a glorious one.
There have been no new conversions for some time. Yet, we hope & pray that we may witness, here, greater things

thurs we have yet.
12. We had a great shower yesterday just as the afternoon exercises closed - the people waited till it ceased in some measure, but it has been cloudy, misty & very rainy ever since the shower, and nearly three P.M. Mary A. Allison is at M. Brigham's if she does not think it too wet she will be here to tea. Anson Kimball brot her & stayed at M. Starks all Sabbath. 13. Still foggy & rainy, Alli. Allison came early & stopped my writing; Wet as it is Anson just called for her. & they are on their way home.
Last week Monday morn early we thot we wd ride to Dea. P's & see if he wd write to Margett. about calling at Elgin, so that Jenny might come with her. Are they on the way East? I feel a little anxious about Jenny's coming alone. When we reached Dea. P's we found they wd like to have me spend the forenoon. so I did & they conveyed me to my sister, the Marshall's, where I rested & then took tea with Enoch's family. Tuesday morn we rode to Cavis Mc. Ill's Mr Doris at the tanyard place, & Mrs Richardson's at the Alexander place & David Sangeants. & Wednesday we called at both the Stinson's L. Wilson's, Esq, & John Ireland's Mr Allens J. Hill Thos, & Clarissa & M.D. are-

if they have not reached there to stay some weeks. You know they always visit here. I think company from abroad come to Do to spend warm weather more than years ago.

Your father was in Concord last Wednesday, Procured a check of 20 dollars & mailed it for Jennie. We hope it has reached you in safety. Your father, Isaac, wd like if you can get such money as will be current for her all the way home to have you do it.

You will probably recollect that last year a protest was entered by the Republican party here against Dea. Abel Peirce taking his seat as representative & he was sent home. Mr. L Burnham was not for some reason allowed his seat. Last March meeting still more fraud was practiced by our unprincipled select men. & another protest was entered against Dea. A's having a seat among the representatives He was again sent home, & Mr Burnham allowed to take his place.

The fraud & injustice of our select men was made very manifest.

We hope little Willie & Charley are well - your father has been engaged all the morning mending Whips - & now writing to Geo. so excuse him from writing & accept much love from both Father & Mother.

Mrs Ireland called Mrs Howe Tuesday Morning Jan 10th 1854

in actory. in each & all of it. I could not but love her more than ever for her attentions to her mother & Clarence, and both seemed to lean upon her. They left last Thursday. All I expressed a strong desire to visit you. I think she will some time do so. I think she loves you next to her few relatives.

Mr Parker of C— preached here last Sabbath. Sarah Sargeant came to be with me over Sab— she appears well as a christian. I am loving her more & more. Mrs A. remained over night. & Mrs Jenny & daughter were here to lunch at noon. She dont love to go. but husband thinks of going west— somewhere near Lyons after having to look for a home— & if he does they think they shall remove there.

Monday eve 9 O'clock. Your pa is gone to a prayer-meeting at the M.E. Mrs Morris: here I am alone in the study. Have walked a little. read some— lay down some— covered your father's Study Chair— & pick'd some string beans for use tomorrow. Have been to look at the spot where the dust of our loved ones lie. I could not linger there but took a last look for them. "There are they, who

have washed their robes white in the blood of the Lamb.

Tuesday. We tho't we might have a letter today telling us definitely when Jenny expected to be here. We begin now to want the time to arrive. I think you will feel lonely tho. I fear she has not been as any answer to you. We thank you both very much for all your kindness & good instruction to her. & hope it may be of lasting benefit to her.

Mr R would have sent more money for Jenny, but he saw Mr Boulton who recently went west, & asked him how much would be necessary he said 20 dollars would be ample to bring her from Elyria. So he took that out & sent it after you wrote he wd have sent 5 more - but did not know whether it wd get there before she wd leave & now if this shd not there before she leaves - & you c'd add 5 dollars, he will send it back to you.

Geo is still at Westhaven we suppose - he tho't of visiting Hartford - Randolph & Bridgewater. & Boston. &

& be back here near the mid
dle of Aug. — Will not go to
Bangor till a bout the middle
of Oct. I hope the dear little
ones are well & all of you —
They are coming in to the
prayer meeting & I must
close. I hope dear Jimmy
will reach home in safety

Your affectionate
Mother.

Mother July 26, 1858
Dunbarton
Elysium

Dunbarton
Mother July 31. 1854

Dunbarton July 31. 1858

Elynea—

Dear Children,

We have just rec'd yours of the 25 & 26. It seems it may be that Jenny's journey home will be a little delayed - & I thought as you mentioned her calling at I wd write & possibly you wd get it before she started - If she wishes to visit Westboro any time soon - she had better do it, as it will save expense. Though we do not wish the time of her return, to us delayed - yet we should patient wait for her to stop there. We suppose Geo. has left there for Holiston - Boston - R— & Br - water. but will return & Abby will accompany him home about the middle of Aug. & Geo. cd stay to come with them.

I met Mary ann P last eve. at a pro meeting for the first time to speak with her. She spoke of her visit to your house in a very pleasant manner - said "you were all well, had two most beautiful children & a delightful situation w/ the M— was daily improving & h

beautifying" - mentioned the road passing thro. the grove down to the river - so that I cd see it quite plainly. She spoke of Fanny Kindly & pleasantly. Instead of letting an old grudge, which probably you never knew any thing about, & wh. has not entered my mind this half dozen or more years) have such an effect - she shd have treated Mary A - with marked attention. Tell her if she has not left you to do this if she finds any on her way home, towards whom she has had similar feelings. For her own happiness - good character - on all accounts, treat every body as friends as far as it is possible to do it.

Mr. Cass came home with Mary A. who it is supposed is attentive - he has gone to the W. Mrs. Do you know anything about it? Mrs I - is so frank, I did not know but she might tell you if this is truth.

We are neither of us been quite as well as usual for 2 or 3 weeks - but keep about - by lying down some more than common. My eyes feel unusually weak owning to sewing on white cloth I think. I am going to stop doing it.

There is no special change in any of the individuals you inquire after. We know of our doings still full & interesting. Mr & Mrs Hanson's poor suffering babe has gone, it died a week since. Your Affte Mother

Dr raises us a deal of trouble.

[illegible] 18[illegible]

[illegible] Jennie has much
[illegible] seems to have
so much flesh & strength as when she
left us, but we hope soon to see a
change for the better in both these re-
spects. If she exercises what strength
she has in a little common house
work, I think she will gain more.
She has made a batch of sponge cake
today with success. I shall let
her try making bread soon. We
have had the pleasure of hearing the
voice of the mulockians with singing
in connection with family devotions
twice. This really drew us near.
We have both been more unwell
than usual for 2 or 3 weeks, but
feel much better today. I have wash-
ed all yarnes dirty clothes, mostly
[illegible] pair of [illegible] pants, and
thought if I put them away, I would
be saving wear of her carrying home
to help me. She did not do as much
as her own washing. Mine and dear

Walter Lain
Mallory
Sabine
Nilwood

[illegible] 1860.

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Dear Father, Mother, Sisters & Brothers,

I spent a memorable week to Mr. Lowe's father & I have been to our family gathering at Heathcote - of wh. I will give you particulars by & by. When we reached home yesterday about 6 we heard a letter read from you, Isaac, for wh. we gave you many thanks. We were very sorry for Lettie's inability to write, but, we were greatly pleased to receive a letter in your own hand writing. Please repeat the act, even if necessity is not laid upon you. We sympathize with you very strongly in this, & hope you will not long be thus afflicted. I thought of your cough & tears just even as the night & we are I first woke this morning - but I have one promise to comfort me, "All things shall work for good". Mr. Lowe here is comfort in this too, "God does not afflict his children willingly" but that they may be made partakers of "His holiness" an object worthy of our God, "The God who made the heavens & the earth."

When writing at the table I cut here & there, today, I think a letter of thanks is due to you, the father, from a thankful heart, for when I looked back upon my life & saw how far I had come short of my duty, in the feelings of my heart towards God it seemed as if there was no place for me enough for me to lie & then when, again I looked at Lettie & you dear children, & others who have lived with us & retain a cha-

the affection for us. Words cannot express the gratitude I feel.

Sept. 9th This morning I have sad news to communicate & yet I know not that I ought to consider it so. God may glorify himself & cause great good to result to many souls by it. Aunt Hadly is no more! She departed this life yesterday A.M. Mr Eaton saw her in the forenoon. He said she desired to live - yet expressed a willingness to submit it to God. The well funeral will probable be tomorrow. I pray that this may be sanctified to many in Goffstown & L—. It is a great, very great affliction to the family. Her sickness was of short duration.

Last week on Saturday your father & I started from home went by way of Boston to Hallowell, there we found our Uncle Hiram & wife in very comfortable health & every thing pleasant about them. Sarah seemed about as well as I have seen her for 15 & 20 years, has a hard cough & looks thin little more than a shadow but she can walk a mile, & ride in pleasant weather whenever she can get an opportunity. Harriett happened to be there. She is most of the time with her sister Hubbard. I went to see an aged Aunt, by marriage, had a delightful time with them, &c. after being there about 24 hours We took the Cars for Westboro. & reached there about 6. found Br Fay at the depot ready to take us to his pleasant home. Sunday P.M. I was the 2nd time at Br Fay's church. Our kind of Christian, & true Christ we have met with as we do some of these

carriages, devised by the Chief for this time might be with her. A consultation extended to her bro's & some of our more distant relatives. Near 2 o'clock, 9 carriages well loaded rode to the M.E. Ch. to the spot where my great grandfather lived. Then you know the where the principal building of the Ch. is, was the home of our great grandfather. But all the Conference of our line & we stood or rather sat in the Chapel, I was deeply impressed with this passage, "One generation passeth away & another cometh!" Returning to bro. Marvin's, we met about 60 near & distant relatives - & it seemed as tho. they were full of joy - love extending from heart to heart - That or but one thing who could add to our pleasure - tho. was to have those who were impenitent born into the kingdom of Jesus - before we separated. After refreshment, & singing, Bro. Jaques read a portion of God's word & led in prayer. Remarks were made by others.

Bro Solomon Jay, who is now a settled minister in Ohio - with his wife, who was a Brigham. Bro. Marvin, was there. Before we separated, a proposition was made to choose a committee of 5 to make arrangement, for a similar meeting next year. Bro. Com. was chosen - Bro's Elmer & Jay. Bro. Chas Brigham - Bro. & Joshua were both there Bro D. Brisley & Caine were absent. Sister Lucy was able to be present with at the house & did not go to the cradle) rested comfortably [illegible] after & we took leave,

her on Friday, called at br. H's & found all his children except Lyon-at home. Jane & her children & Mr French left while we were there. Your cousin Sarah's health is very much better than it has been for years. The family friends all seemed in better health than usual. We returned home Saturday-feeling that we had in every way been highly favored. The heavens smiled all the week, with the exception of some momentary tears. both beautiful & refreshing, - Goodness & mercy has followed us & brot us safely to our resting place. Lewis & Co. were bright & ready to receive us.

We had a meeting at the Church last eve. One new one rose & spake of her determination to serve Christ. She was Margaret Darby-with a tear on her face. Now, that's Element.

George Sparks was not present. The Son. is fully changed - & will endure. Pray it be so.

We long to see a new influence given to the work of grace here.

Miss Elizabeth Atkinson is expected to live but a short time. Her age will not, or will probably survive her.

Last night I was obliged to be up with bowel complaint - but not of dysenteric form. I feel rather weak today, but think I may soon be well as usual. Write Love to Br. Father, Br. & your self & Mother.

Walter Lewis

Rollin was born

Liverpool Sept 19 1860.

I have written with many inconveniences. Hope when I write again it will at least look better.

My Dearest Father & Mother & Willie, The last week genie & I have done the housework for 3 or 4. We have each had an unwell day - but not sick. Jennie has several times asked me if she were not smart. She has made very good bread several times, gingerbread, cookies &c. She seems not to have gained much physical strength. I shall do everything in my power to promote this. Ida to our sewing Machine, jennie & Geo. are the only users of it, at present. Jennie has hemmed two pocket handkerchiefs, sewed up two shirt sleeves & sewed on two yokes. I hope in one more week she may finish two shirts. She has had considerable sewing to do for herself - I have exchanged all wool delaines with her. as mine was spoiled, I have not worn it more than half a dozen times probably. The waist has been all made over, & in it, she looks like one of the prettiest of ladies. Soon as I can, I shall alter the sleeves of what is now mine. & then I shall like it very well for an afternoon dress. I have it on now. Your father - George - & Jennie are all talking & laughing (neat tea, eve.) so I cannot write very well. Blessings rest on you, good night.

20 Today we expect several will be examined for admission to our Ch. It was thought best that all who thot of uniting with the Ch. before our next Com. should not wait for examination, until the last Ch. meeting. So, a part come today. A full meeting last eve. at Capt. Stinson's - Next week at Williams's

Love to all. Jennie is writing a letter to you. Your good daughter

19 Dec 11 My Dear Mother, I grieve not to hear Jennie
was so much? I fear you are more feeble than you
say in your letters. Jennie seems to love you
very much as she ought to. [illegible]
dear brother. She had a very [illegible] brother's visit
two weeks since, who she has answered. She says, I may
something remarkable to be counted by a wise & loving
at once. But, their letters are certainly very good & I
always love her as much as now. She must be
happy. I hope she will grow more & more worthy
of the affection of the Godly. I think this seems to
her object, as far as I can judge.

Dear Mother, I feel to say to you & to
Jennie we do feel grateful for what you have done
for him & to him. That for which we can thankfully com-
mit [illegible] anew into his faithful hands & that
we may see his face evermore.

Dear good Mrs Harris has been at meeting
day, dear mother she will probably open with us.
All gone to 3d meeting but me & sometimes I
to wish I cd endure & labor more for the
but I know it is better for me to be
still & know that God is God & rejoice that
he is. I had much rather be in his hands than
my own. But, it seems to me very diffi-
cult to lay my plans & accomplish much.
I suppose you hear from Jennie by Mr R. D.
Brooks. His writing recommend him for
a husband & brother. Jennie is very full
life & cheerful & happy most all the time.
Are the little ones still well? Wish I cd send
each of you a nice peach from our own garden.
We have, perhaps between 20 & 30 apples enough for
home use & many other good things. Affectionately
mother

Dumbarton Sept— 1856

Dearest Betty,

Who is with you to keep you company, now Jemmy is away? I fear you have a sad task upon your hands, taking care of Isabella—instructing your boy &c &c. I pray God give you strength for all. Letters, last eve. from you & Herbert greatly surprised us, by telling Isaac might be expected this week. We hope he will not disappoint us, for we wish very much to see him.

Last week I went with your father to call at Mr Hadgis's. Their Idol is taken away. The poor lady and father thought, no one in the world could do anything equal to them. Just before she died, he wished to make his Will. He thought them must write it, because no one could do it as well & was told he gave her a large portion. But she is not but God has taken her. The brothers say the "Light has gone from their family." She had thought of going to Mrs. Clark's to spend next winter, with Clara. Clara told her, she must not go—said she return, now have been a

very from home so much, we cannot live without you most Winter" said Martha, I can not feel that she is dead - & after she was dead - & even now, I cannot feel that she is forever gone. She was confin from the 6th of July to last. He did not see William but George came in from the field & appeared serious. I presented your love & sympathy, & George enquired particularly after your welfare. I told him, it was your wish that this bereavement might lead them all to Christ as well as ours. Martha told me as I was about to leave, that from said - The trouble among the tiny ones there, had been the greatest trial she ever met with. She said but little during her sickness in regard to her preparation for death, indeed, it seemed that neither she, nor her friends had expected it. But Martha said, she could look back & think of a great many sermons she had made the past year which showed that her mind was on the subject of death - more than usual.

We called at Josh Parker's to see Letitia is a very lovely woman. They have all that is desirable for this world - but, lack the one thing. (How I wish they would devote themselves to Christ - how useful they might be. They were at prayer meeting here today. Gower [illegible] exchanges with Great Yarmouth. He is supplying at East Dereham. was married last week.

28 We were encouraged from the meeting last eve. Charles Rider was rejoicing that his wife could say she had a hope. Probably strong enough to take her stand among the people of God. She has been long fearing & lingering - thinking to become her to be a Christian. After he spoke Mr Hammond rose & said - He hoped it would not be long before he could tell them he came and now we rejoicing his smile. There was very deep feeling - two, after requested the Lord's blessing to pray for them. The meeting was at Dan Yarmouth's. for his wife's sake. (We do hope a revival has begun. Mrs. Turnbull is with

are here from Cabbage - have gone in to meeting now. I am alone - did not feel able to go.
I feel very trembling.
We are hoping to see Isaac this P. M. I have delayed this letter for him to take. But, Jennie has not been on.

29 Isaac has come. We had a bout despairing of seeing him. So we have heard from all Maine friends. It does not show in yourself or babies. However, we are very glad to see the face of your dear friend. Very glad indeed. My head begins to swim & I must retire. So good night.

Your ever loving
Mother.

Dumbarton 8th Oct. 1858

Dearest Netty,

You do not know how glad & thankful we all were to hear from Isaac. He should be willing to be weaned out of sleep, many times, for such an one.

Thanks for all your presents, caps, collars, dress, & all all do me good.

All the family gone to the Lecture meeting, I alone left – it is cold & I feared increasing my cough. We still are encouraged to believe the Holy Spirit is with us & have been here this week to talk with your Father & speak of their determination to walk in the narrow way. Two others have renounced the gay, unrevealing. Dear Jane was & Henry (Lennox).

George & Jenny called at Uncle Hamilton's the P.M. to fix our family meeting. Then Ged went to Ellis Sellors & to Eva's with the

Ley came here in the morning & left his little boy to spend the day with us while he went to Lancaster. Sarah is still with John Kimball & wife & baby visited us last Wednesday. Mary Hase expects to be married the coming Winter to a Mr Cass of London, Ohio. Mrs Within you call'd this eve. & brot a boy of Mrs Peachey — Many callers this week — Five new members for Christ. 10th Four more new ones came to the Study to converse with your father, & now we have just returned from a rich meeting in the Vestry. Col. Hammond & Wm Coon Ch. Rider & Jeremiah Jones & others spoke & prayed. Henry Wilson, Lewis young est son, rose & said "My friends, I feel that I am a sinner, & wish you to pray that I may be a Christian. 15th Monday. I have done a pretty large washing, & since, have a silk handkerchief. We are preparing George to leave us. I do hope that I had every thing about ready last week, there were some things

are to reach Geo. I was
& Jenny will probably visit at
least a part. She went with
Geo. this P.M. to visit at Capt
Stimson's & this eve. at a meet-
ing at W. Stimson's. See Stimson
is the only child at home now.
12th They had a great meeting last
eve for numbers & interest. 3
or 4 requested prayers for them-
selves. A family by the name
of Wilkinson have moved in
to the old Howard house with
4 children; two sons & two daug-
hters. They are all ~~anxious~~ or in-
dulging hope. Mr John Kim-
ball & wife; Ben. Lord & wife &
Mr Safford have been examined
& propounded for admission to
the Chh & next week on Tuesday
we expect a number more will
be examined. I will write you
the result when known.

Geo. preached for Mr Barker of
Concord last Sabbath. He said Prof
Shepherd was an acquaintance of his
& he gave him a letter of introductions to him. Col
Kent has given him a letter of intro-
duction to his brothers there. Geo.

will leave us Thursday Morning. We shall feel a great vacancy in the family. But think it all best for him to go.

Will you not write more particulars about your own health? I must today mend & mark things for Geo. It is cloudy & chilly & feel rather stiff & dull. I shall not do another such days work as I did yesterday I think at present. Jenny writes twice a week to H— & He does the same to her— very long—long letters & we all very good.

As soon as I can get time I shall be taking that dress to pieces & preparing it for use. I think it will be one I shall enjoy. as I do all those I had of you I want more warm weather to wear that thin one. But I am well supplyed with dresses, now better than for many years.

We were all very glad to learn that Isaac got home so well. & made you & babies all rejoice together. Love from all to all— & kisses for babies.

yours affte Mother.

Dearest Child

the scene was
singing & playing Coronation this eve.
it seemed as tho' you & Henry & Lyco.
& Brad by the Table & sang Swedish
Childs coronation Hymn & Bro.
Bought Home. I hope in heaven singing the song
of Moses & the Lamb. One a wife
& mother in Ohio; & one Study
& Scholar in Bangor Maine.
Those God is glorified in them
all. This is what should be the chief
end of life. But, Oh! How little
how very little I have done to
honor & glorify my Compassionate
& Heavenly Father. How little
have I done for my fellow beings.
But, here I am, so near the close
of life & can only cast myself
into the arms of Jesus - & say
"God be merciful to me a sinner."
"In Jesus, our righteousness I am
& all my hope." Jesus my all in all
in heaven, He whom I have my hope
upon. His track I see & I'll pursue

the narrow way, till here I view.

This Newcomb is here by my side writing now. She has been here 10 days - visit to Boston. I am enjoying her visit much. Your dear Pa & Jeanie are gone to meeting - & Father Cole & wife & Sarah have been to Sunday evening lecture & Ch. to remain at home I will give you the names of those who are propounded for admission to the Ch. O thought I had been particular to tell you everything; but we always wish to know something more, O believe, when we receive letters from friends

Ellen Parker made a present of "Beulah" & Vernon to her "New Life" & called it, "Heart Work". I heard her read one sermon before he left, on little things. Those words I think are - Her text & character. Jenny has been writing most of the forenoon to H. & Sophia Sh. I hope you will not urge her to write even to you; for she writes a great deal too much for her own good. & will never

get over her own clothes done, for being married. Miss Newcombe told her she thinks she will give up some of her correspondents - or, she will never get much ahead with her work! But, she is not disposed to take advice from anybody. I never often write very long letters. She has made most of her bread, cake & pies, & I don't know when she will not take the common house-work & do it, leaving out washing, ironing, cleaning windows &c &c - to, I do what I can & let the rest go. Sending my heart & hands to wash Mrs. Clemens. She made her delaine dresses about 10 days, by my doing most of the housework. Yesterday I did considerable washing & went to Mr. Williams' Sunday School, & called at the Lipton. Mrs. Tim Mooney called & I drank tea with Mrs. Chas. Lotte called here with a half bushel of his apples - dressed for me. Wednesday Mrs. Spice & Harriet sent me a piece & Harriet sent me a note with a piece, till I have not seen her three years. She used to go & see me almost every day. Ever

Kimball of Concord died week
before last, came in from work,
sat down on a stool by the stove
put his hand on his head & said
"my head feels dreadfully." "My
work is done!" Then said "God
have mercy on my soul." & so
died. Their prayer meeting
& never spoke afterwards. He
lived 2 or 3 days. A great loss
to his family. Mr Peter Page died
about the same time, & in the same
manner. It was supposed to be the
cause. There was a shock of palsey.

I send you the names of individuals now prospered & those who have. Those are beside those Ira Brown's wife & Esther Bailey. Esther has been & is still teaching in Goffstown & we know not what course they will take.

The piece of calico I have given to many. Thank you for it.

Dunbar Pa Nov 1st 1868.

My dearest child,

This month brings before me the separation of our family, with pain. Two years ago this place on the 4th of May, Henry & Jenny & little Willie is the boy & niece. I thought I would sit up until Isaac went, but could not keep awake & was obliged to say good by, from the bed in the adjoining room. Sally will leave this, subject & give thanks that we are all so comfortable now. And that you have two healthy brothers, to cheer your heart & home. Mrs Rogers has 4 all healthy but she has a hard time. No sister now, to call in for her help. & she calls no one mother. This Newcomb & Jenny made sweet pickle of tomatoes. Henry's work is stronger than ever. He came home the 1st week in November & washing every day of her own clothes. which she had not done before since she came home, beside having bread & gingerbread &c. She thought black enough to suit Isaac. She has succeeded well in baking bread & cakes, she has chosen to have me make the pies, thus far, but perhaps I had better not do it much longer.

As to bonnets, I have worn the white straw, with no alteration, since you left. Hall wears the [illegible] we had last Winter. Cloak & shawls the same, except the one Mrs Charlotte Ann gave me, is now a cream to be colored.

I have been reading in the Bible History of prayer to-day which, this morning I have been looking at some of the prayers of Jesus. I have thought most of this, "Lead us not into temptation" There are no situations, free from temptations - therefore, there are none in which it is safe to neglect prayer. [illegible] a privilege to go to God for what we want in the name of Him who ever lives to make intercession for those who trust in Him.

Jenny slept two hours after her work Saturday, & seems quite bright today, is ironing. I have done my part. Love for all & kisses to you & Ate. Mother.

Dunbarton, Nov. 2, 1858.

Dear Nettie:

You speak of its being a pleasure to have had Isaac call here, so that you could hear from us directly, from one who had seen us. We assure you it was a very great satisfaction to us, to see him, even for an hour or two. We felt as if you were all near to us, when we were with one of the family, conversing face to face. We were very, very glad, that he was able to give us that short call, & should have been still more glad, could he have remained much longer. The neighbors could hardly believe their own eyes, when they saw him leave in the morning, as none of them saw him come.

Your mother has kept you fully informed about our precious re-

crisis here. We hope it is not over yet, tho' I know of no very recent cases of hopeful conversion. The revival has been one of intense interest & importance, not so much because of the great numbers that are hopefully converted, but because of their character & standing in the community. They are, for the most part, just the individuals that we should have chosen to have brought in, being, as it were, the very pillars of society, and calculated to exert, that a whole generation, as great & good influence in moulding the character of those around them. We feel that we can never be grateful enough for what the Lord has done for us; & I know you will greatly rejoice with us, in what the Lord has done in our behalf.

Much love to Jan self & Isaac, etc the dear little ones, whom I should much rejoice to see.

Father.

Dunbarton N.H. Nov 11 1867

Dear Children,

Today we had a good, long letter from Geo. He said one day some body knocked at his door, he opened it & a fine looking man said How do you do? calling him by name, & himself. McCalf, It was Elias He had a pleasant call from him & was invited to call there & to dinner, or, tea, and to come there at Thanksgiving: but are not sure yet when that is. Ours is on the 28th. I went to see Mrs Safford to day, went about 1 P.M. & came home about 4 P.M. I said there was a great change in her family, especially on the Sabbath: since her husband had become a new man. She used to be greatly annoyed by all kinds of conversation, but the night, by persons who call there on Sabbath noon. Now, if they come in they stayed but a few minutes, & left. Today Sue, & Mary A. & Willie little Susie took dinner here - they attend the singing Sch., Good Jud. & Penny

went to Concord - got sheeting to make me one pair - 4 yards two of wide - to go - will be learning them soon, 20 yds of cloth - 6/, 6d. so I was alone most of the day - they returned a few minutes before the girls came to visit all gone now to engage with but me. Lee & Ch. P. are very fond of gentlemen - Lee thinks she enjoys "widowish ways" more & more. The Meth. minister at the East part of the town is holding a protracted meeting this week - Mr Ray preached Monday eve. Again this eve. Many of our people turn in to hear. It is a remarkable fact - that most of the Methodists have indulged hope either here, or, at the East unless it is there recently - Frenches Mother, who was a Universalist - it is believed, is now a christian. She will be a Methodist.

Excuse me dear sister for not writing more - I have not had a letter - don't know when I shall

Write you will not the worst

reasons - before - you - Rest to

have to be - I - Love

Give - my - love - to - brother - Mary - &

Mrs - Collins - & - Friends

To Isaac:— Queries answered.

I have not seen the "Atlantic Monthly!" Sorry that "Putnam's Monthly" has gone to "Lucian Swing," in the humble fashion.

You ask what I think of "Stephen Arnold Douglas this arin'Ev?" I think that he is just now, (politically) the most useful man in the country. He is doing excellent service, standing to the country, no doubt, as the impending Satanic Majesty must, I think see him standing at this time, after having been one of his most successful Imitations.

H. A. Rey.

Dunbarton Nov 27 – 1858.

Dear Children

This eve. Mr W. Burnham & Miss A Flagg have been united in marriage, in our parlor. He has a great black beard & thus he had a light purple silk dress on & black velvet bonnet with white feathers & white kid gloves. This is for you Hetty. They are calculating to go with the two little girls to her father's to-morrow (thanks giving day) & one expect another wedding here tomorrow eve Thomas Miller is to take to Miss Page off Bow. Don't you think they are very kind to come here to get their business transacted? I do.

28, Sabbath. It was very pleasant to see three new brides in our S.S. today – it a perfect meeting. Mrs Hill, not in the S.S. Mrs Burnham. Mrs Daniel Sargeant (a single girl) & Mrs Isaac Clifford. Mrs D. Sargeant & Mrs Hill all in bonnets & shawls. Mrs Burnham usually puts. It seems as though I could see & know that the world is going, onward with increased power. It has begun anew in Beverly, where a physician, son of Prof Haddock, has recently become a subject of grace.

He had married into a consumption family & attended exercises with them for about three months - When visiting a patient. The Con. Man inter came in & he with an old lady began. to converse on the interesting state of religion. as the Dr was about to leave, this woman looked him in the face & said D.r. Have you no part or lot in this matter? He cautiously replied, No. But he, as he says in a noon prayer meeting shortly after, could not get rid of that question, untill he hoped he had become a new creature. Thus his wife have changed their place of worship.

Nov. 30. I do not know but you will understand Jenny, to have done the common washing; but she did nothing but her collars. she is not strong enough to do her own washing. Story Clemens is now sick very sick with fever. so I did all our washing. I have not been so weary since you came home but what I could wait on her when she was sick, go up stairs & bathe her head, put a warm stone in her bed & rub your father's headache away. (as I do. I took my turn on the rota, & not from head to foot, but from head to thigh I was beating & aching. so I thought I would be waited on, & asked for some hot camphor tea, for I was chilly, so your pa. that the water in the kettle was not hot enough, so he got a tin dish to heat some & as he was about to set it on the stove, over it went on the floor. Then Jenny left her washing & came up - but I got my tea at last - & it removed distress & difficult breathing. Now I am well & comfortable, hearty & yours, as, Holly Post D.

[illegible] Thursday [illegible]
Thursday Evening
Mary Lawrence
going to Cleveland & so many other
places — came to see Father &
were glad were in time to greet
one last at the invitation. Hattie's
health were good. Our Thanksgiving
dinner — as far as concerns eatables,
was small, but all we desired. Jenny
was unable to do much Thanksgiving.
Made two Apple pies & one mince
& prepared meat for a few more &
a plum pudding which no one tasted
but myself. You see Jenny & Steve
Lieve took apple pie. Forgot to
put Chicken pie here. We had
tongue, too, & another has been
added today. & we have 5 or 6
more. If they prove regulators
perhaps mine may go a little
more & Jenny's a little less.
Your letter, in all right & those
will be strengthened to go on
in the good old path.
Some of last week & the first of
this I spun & the silk dress you
sent me, made new sleeves, plain
style, & fresher. All mean just to

hands & shoulder caps with pieces of velvet which I cut on the form ( ) & sewed on point to point. I did nothing to the waist except mend & take in a little. Jenny says it looks very well. Wednesday we visited at Mr & Wilson's by request. Met Jos. S-x wife Capt R. S wife. Capt W. & Elizabeth. & Capt Simson & wife. Since then I have made your old muff into a cuff for Jenny to wear this winter. She likes it very well. It was her own proposition.

Evening. While your father & Jenny are reading & writing by my side (as they usually are when at home) I have been mending gloves & mitts for them. Some coarse sewing or knitting I do by lamp light, & read a very little with double eyes. Mr. L. chewed read a good deal to me when she was here. I feel very grateful for it. Her eyes are good.

It is very bright moon. Jenny's birthday she is two. The moon reminds me of

morning - but have not yet. Ella is 21 but matter, would she? Now, I think of it, Do you know if she left white yarn to knit a counterpane for herself with you? She left the bro[illegible] back with her, but can find nothing of it. If it is with you I'd like it, might be well to preserve it until her return. as I have no yarn like it. She is breakfasting this morning, ah. She seems to like better than any other part of house work. Mary A. P. will soon go to Ohio now we expect.

10. P.M. Your pa & Jenny gone to make calls. I alone in the study - most lonely evening to make a home out of the old. Memory of your love.

We have quite a new leaf turned over here this Winter - We keep in bed about nine hours. our house is cool, if cold not far from 70 or half past - We breakfast from 8 to half past. then get no regular dinner - so you see - We have quite a resting time.

Fifth part of M's have all been to the meeting for meeting this eve. It was good, very good - but no new cases of conversion.

Why should the work cease? I hope it will not be because we turn to the beggarly elements of this world.

On the last day preceding three months before March meeting, the human locusts moved into this town 12 miserable families. We know not how far God will permit the wicked to prey. Your affectionate Mother.

Mother - Dumbarton

Dec 4. 1858

Elyria

Father & Mother
Dumbarton Dec 16
1857

Elgin

Dumbarton Dec. 16, 57.

Dear Lucie,

We had a most pleasant time after the last mail arrived, examining the piano, & how we wished that you might be very pleasantly surprised. Father was still enjoying it much. Thanks to Jane for preparing us the pleasure. With this & the pleasant voyage, & the refreshing sea breezes, we got quite good accounts from Cantley school. Jane has a quite comfortable chamber, in your dwelling, but we have not seen Grace. It was certainly very pleasant to make such a visit, & it is possible it may be repeated. Get rid of as much comfortable that you can with by Fairmaid will be closed, be-

here we lodge in these [illegible]
chambers. We feel that we
are "passing away;" and that we
shall soon pass the limit that
bounds our being to this earthly
state. Nor would we "live always."
Faith views a better world in
prospect, where we hope to go,
when "our" earthly tabernacle shall
be dissolved;" when, we know must
be ere long. May we, & yours, so
live, that we shall finally
occupy an apartment in that
"house not made with hands, e
ternal in the heavens." Ever in
the warmest [illegible] of your affectionate

Brother.

& Mother too.

Much love to all, including the babies,
in which health & happiness we feel
a deep interest.

newer: how it will end we do not know.

Dear Mrs Snyder - Mrs. Raymond's mother Aunt - died at Mr Raymonds one week ago this day. Her father visited there about three weeks ago, she was then very feeble, but came down stairs, & seemed to enjoy our call - She expected to go to Waterford N. H. to spend the winter, but she has gone to her last, long home. I felt I must go & see her before she left for W—D. & now feel very glad I did. I have not learned the particulars of her sickness & death, except that she had Typhoid fever. Her remains were carried to Lebanon N. H. for interment, where she has a brother living. May I also be waiting for this great change.

I. I have the worst cold, have had it a long time. coughed all the time almost yesterday. my throat & chest very sore, but it is a little better today.

We are expecting George every minute from P. & think he may bring Carrie or Frank with him.

I shall try to improve Minnie's health if possible. If there is anything that can be done to give her more strength it must be done. I feel anxious to learn that you have recovered from your cold keep back a cough if possible. I cannot think of your leaving one without pain.

Love to all. Your affec Mother.

Jennie, now Emma
reaches home the 6th on Friday. We did not
expect Geo. & Toby for a week; but they came
on Wednesday & we have had an abundance
of callers. They have been riding about
to look at the splendid scenery from
Lanbarton to Concord to see what they
c'd in one day. Yesterday they took tea at Mr
Caldwell's. They have now gone to call
at Capt Wh's. Tomorrow Geo. expects
to go to Pembroke at a meeting of the
Alumni. Next week Mr Ch. Patterson expects to be one of our family. Jennie & Toby have cleared & washed most of the dishes - took care of
chambers &c &c. They have been very
good girls & I enjoy their visit much.
Yet I have a little more to do than I
desire. This week I sent washing away
& shall next.

This P.M. We have had a Ch. meeting. Mrs. Loveland, E. Fuller & Sophrona Farmer were examined for admission to the Ch. There is a reluctance holding back among the men who do think they have been re

Dearest Lettie, We journied
& went to Pembroke last Saturday. We had a very pleasant visit. Caroline Parr. & Frank all at home. Very good & truthy lovers. Frank unites with the Ch. in May. Caroline indulges hope & Sam we think will come right soon. He has given up his skepticism & says he shall seek for truth.

We love them more than ever before. Caroline Abby has just left us full of love & good cheer. She is a dear good girl.

I feel a little unwell today tho. I think my ride to Pembroke

did me good. I had a very bad cold when I left home & have not done nor getting over it. But my cough was bad all the time I was gone; did not get sleep but engaged the room alone They all seemed to feel the power of father's preaching was my good. & I think Caroline & Mary will derive some special benefit from his communion with them.

We have enjoyed our youthful age very much, what little time has been left for us from riding walking & visiting. &c

Jennie does very well about work. but she likes, I am out of sight. she begs us to come & get tea. Affectionately, Mother.

Monday eve.
& wakeful hours of night, I was think-
ing of Rose, the beloved son, & how some-
supposed he was packing up & prepar-
ing to leave his "quiet home" to go
they away & direct the cares of the warm
& what ever else may impede or
open his way in his path. Then, I pray
that that all protecting hand which
is every where present, might be
over him & you & the little ones in
your separation. I awoke Sunday morning
morning for I felt more that night
than I had for several nights before.
For 3 weeks I have not been able to
do more than to wait on myself. per-
haps, have done about as much as I
have needed, to have done for me.
but I am in some respects decided
better, yesterday & today. Today, Candle-
mas day, Ella & other Brig, thought
of having pancakes for dinner. call
it pancake day. & we were but your
& today about 12 o'clock B. came in with
a nice, warm cake, & a little pitcher
of hot coffee, which Ella B. that in
my feeble state might do me good
I ate one cake & a half. & a small
piece of bread, with a good relish.
& thankful heart. every thing tasted

good.) This is a drawing day & I must
[illegible] last night & have had no mail
day. I did be in here today, & did not
Mail-this & other letters-but, I came &
brot a good letter from Geo. He has
branched at Dexter to Sabbath-this must
be near Brownville I think.

Mrs. Smart is now enjoying good
health I expect. & keeping house as
she loves to do. Jane Father called there
in the Fall-She made many enquiries
after you & me & told me to bring
me there, & as he said was the gentle
kind friend always. Mr Chadbourne
wife died Two weeks since-with fe-
ver. So our friends are passing a
way. & I have the sad, sad, Thought
will come very quick. But I am de-
cidedly better. I know not how
long I shall yet remain. Only that
I may do some good.

Friday. Very pleasant. After dressing nicely this morn.
& made my bed (by-the-by made it once since I have been
unwell) did some other little things-eat, ate break-
fast-washed the dishes. Then basted one seam on Jane's
sheet, & mended your Pa's cloak. Now it wants 10 min
utes of 12. I think I may go to meeting next
Sabbath. George finds abundance of friends
in Wis & some employment for his hands
very. I hope I will be useful. I am
(The fire is out bye-Love to all. Jane's Ma
has gone over after [illegible]

Dear Lawton Feb. 25 - 1900

Dearest Lillie,

This Friday eve I am alone in the study. come in & talk with me; come. Your pa has gone to Weare, Jenny has been in at Mrs Bray's sewing yesterday & today, assisting Miss Mary Allison, a dress maker; in making her black silk. Jenny has improved some in health & is very cheerful & happy. She helps me kindly & does as much for me as can be expected from one of her strength, with a home to get ready to be married.

Last Winter I had a boarder & did most of our washing. This Winter we just sent most all our washing & get Mrs with the common household work. I cannot say I am as comfortable as last Winter. I have been distressed across my chest. It coughed very hard. Yet I am some better. I sometimes think I will try doing more dishes & work, but my strength fails when I try.

Lillie had a letter from Dr. Otis this week. Geneva has been sick all Winter, has been a great care for Dr. is some better. Her boy child is a great sufferer with fits. are like a Christian. Sister Lucy as many comfortable, under cut as far as to her Dr's & sister's - in almost all weathers. Abby has been keeping sick in bed for a long time - Summer & Winter. All other friends well as usual.

26 have father's birthday - 65. Sad

him we will make a feast if he will like it. for I think we never had so much occasion to rejoice before. I think your father has visited them as well since I came as he has for so long a time as now. And the situation & prospects of all our dear children are such as to make us very grateful. & we have a great deal among our people that is pleasing & agreeable which prevails. tho. we long to see more brot to Jesus.

D. Saturday we were made glad by a good letter from you dear, but not one we [illegible] from. or Isaac tho. he has been a long journey & worn with it. We will suppose the journey was prosperous & agreeable as we know nothing to the contrary. Herbert informed us at an early date that you dear Isaac, made your family a very pleasant visit. He did not inform us of getting your present on that occasion, except the Corps itself. most valuable tho. we think it may be you added some gold & silver. for all of which I know there was one at least grateful heart.

Your father & Jenny gone to Concord - you will think they come to go - & I guess they do. They generally have a good time, but get home some time. I have been moving moderately since they left & now am going on the sofa. Mrs Dearsham our neighbor is quite sick - very ill. I do not know whether she has the scarlet fever or some other disease. Hannah is happy as can be, has united with our church in full, says now "I feel at home all the week" has been for both of me.

5 o'clock P.M. your father & Jenny got home half past 2 & now they are visiting with others at the church & Miss Sally Smith's.

We expect br. Oliver Bailey & wife, in a few weeks will move to Bow - but we are concerned as to attend Chh. there; we don't know how to spare them.

When you write to Emily P. give my love to her. She is a dear good woman. Sarah Walley has returned from the West & is now in Goffstown. Her father has a terrible asthma.

Charles has had gone one month, one after another & church comes in cold, but 12 above zero, & so fair & bright. Your father went before breakfast to carry a basket of clothes to a Clement, for washing.

We expect Geo. in a day or two. His principal object in coming now is to note the people were so anxious for it & they bear his expenses. Father sings with me in much love to all. Shall try to wait patiently for exact letter. Hope your dear little ones may be preserved from scarlet fever.

Your affec. Mother.

P.S. Jenny meant to write the other page, but her troublesome time has come, & her headaches &c & you must excuse for pa has gone & hurries as usual,

L. H.

Mathew Dunlevy
Feb. 29. 1852
Elyria Ohio

Thursday afternoon Sabbath near sunset.
Mar. 12 1859.

Children,

Geo: went to Concord today to supply Mr Parkers pulpit for wh. they offered him 10 dollars. He will probably return to Bangor - or to Clinton where he has engaged to preach next Sabbath the latter part of this week. He does not seem quite well, has had some cough for 6 or 7 weeks, is some better than when he reached home. I have advised him not to preach any more until he is better. I do not know but he must stop it as to farming. May he have the faith of duty made plain. Saw Jn. & Jenny at meeting at the Vestry. I have been to church but one half day, (Thanks th.) cd be there at communion for six weeks. I stay alone. Thanks to th. I keep no one else at home. The last week I have had a little touch of dysentery wh. has reduced my strength - Jenny has had to make my bed &c &c & I am very strong; hope we may both be better soon. Not much well today. Jenny has a bad cold - Geo. came home from Concord about noon & is now gone to the south part of the town. I keep in the study most of the

time - lie down on the sofa about half the time sometimes knit & sometimes sew a little. This morn. washed the dishes & did a few other things in the kitchen & came back tired. Dr Carswell called & left me some medicine today that may cure me. Col. Dodd's wife & myself have called on her today. Agnes has been at Dr Peck's 5 or 6 week. Sarah P— has been married during the time to a lawyer. The weather are all about here now. I believe we have none to have it. Mr Newell, the man to wh. Hannah Newcomb came so near being married, died recently aged 95. We shall have a special notice of him soon in the Con. Journal.

I am glad you Nelly are able to go out so much - your lectures must be interesting & profitable - I should like to see that on Hidden Power; if printed. Such Lectures I once enjoyed very much & should now if I had strength to hear them. Geo. has made me a beautiful present of the New Testament in 4 Volumes - very large print 'Great Primer' royal 8vo. by the Bible Soc. perhaps you have seen some of them. I am now reading the book of Exod. - O how faithfully the Lord's dealings did work; how persecuted & delivered! Did you ever think there were a great number of revivals mentioned in that book? I have read 19 chap's & I believe - of 18 revivals.

Kisses for babies. Love to all & all to you.

Bangor March 14
1859

Syria——

Bangor March 14th

Dear Nettie

I write just a little to say will you please accept this Collar which I work'd myself expressly for you—it may be too small if so just take off the boundary & you can make it a little larger it is full'd a little to much into the binding We are all well as usual Eliot & Mattie are singing down stairs while I write Ethel is continually giving a questioning Hattie learning her to think as he says He & Mattie seem to feel quite interested in her & she seems to enjoy life very much

We have some fears that she cannot get in to the high school here not having attended to some

of the studies required it will be just the place for her if she can

I expect to go to Milo tomorrow I have pass'd the winter very pleasantly here — have been out but very little & they have but very little company here I had a bad cold & cough all the time since Nov. till quite lately as soon as one cold got better I'd take another & some trouble in my head I don't know but it was Catarrh I rais'd a great deal & discharged ever so much from one side of my nose of bloody corrupt matter but I have not been sick a day — have had no pain except a severe headache a few weeks — Elmer would have

Dr McRuer come and
see me he left a little Medi-
cine & & my head was quite
relieved & my cough better
in a few days perhaps it would
have been without
I have a great deal to be thankful
for for to be so well at my age
my eyes fairly good my hear-
ing just as good as ever it was
& I don't know but I can run
up stairs & down just about
as quick as ever I could
but my Memory is very poor
& work about house or much exercise
tires me very soon
I will send a letter Charles
wrote me about going west
but I think he takes a wrong
view of the subject
instead of being any help
in any way I shall of course

I shall soon be a burden
& trial to somebody if I
live after 72 years of age
I must surely ~~expect~~ to
"gather sigh and groan
than live" But I have
very little thought or care
about it I can leave it to Him
who is my all whose tender
mercies are over all His
works

please destroy this bad
looking little letter
with much love to all the
folks from your loving
Mother

Dumbarton, March 14, '59.

Dear Nettie:

Perhaps you may think my letters are "few & far between." I should love very much to talk with you, - but confess not to be so fond of writing. And yet, when this is the only practicable method of an interchange of thought, I think it a privilege to employ it; but, as your good mother & Jennie often write you, and we all hear from you in return, I feel as if I might be excused for not adding much with my own hand. I shall ever feel a deep interest in all that concerns you & your family, and it is very pleasant to hear from you often, & learn of your well doing. My prayer is, that rich blessings may attend you, both temporal & spiritual.

Your dear Mother is still quite unwell. She will give you particulars, I suppose, in what she writes. We do earnestly hope she will soon be better. But we know our heavenly Father will do all things well, & we desire to be reconciled to his will.

Our town meeting this year has resulted favorably, — there being 37 Republican majority. This was very unexpected. A few months ago, the Democrats, (as they call themselves, though falsely so called,) held a caucus to consider their prospects, & concluded that the Republicans were somewhat ahead of them; but concluded that by moving in to town 12 families that will vote their ticket, they might succeed. Accordingly, just three months

before March meeting, they moved in the whole number of voters. But they proved to be rather poor pretenders for their purposes. Some were quite soon among the missing, and one of them turned out to be a republican, & voted the republican ticket. Another was a thief, a state money for his employer. Several others, who were old town-men, abandoned their party, & voted with us. We had no difficulty in electing all our town officers, & choosing our representative to the State Legislature. — Henry Putney, Dea. Parker, & Mr. Sargent, are our Select Men, — Charles Kimball, town clerk, — & Capt. Stinson representative. Quite a political revolution in our little town, — with which we are much gratified.

The republicans have also

triumphed in the choice of Governors, Committees, Senators, &c. and also elected their Representatives to Congress.

In these triumphs of right over wrong, we would rejoice, & give thanks to our heavenly Father. It is said that the change in Jefferson turned the scale in this County, so as to secure the election of all the county officers.

Much love to yourself and husband, & little ones. Hope Sarah will write to us soon.

Affec Your Sister,
John M. Putnam.

Dearest Lettie,

[illegible] my heart is [illegible]
[illegible] my heart & [illegible] on
his way back to Europe – His heart is
pressed some while here [illegible] & [illegible]
me at meeting, a rough, boisterous, his
equable, [illegible] mind. And I am comfort
able in the study sometimes reading
sometime on the beds – sometime pleading
for blessings on loved ones – which are
my feasts from the holy Word & Spirit.

'See how he (Jesus) loved, who never shrank
From toil or danger, pain or death!
Who all the cup of sorrow drank,
And meekly yielded up his breath.'

Thus would I pray that I may do,
pray all near & dear to me do the same,
all God's family at home & abroad, in
short if you have seen all today & will
see all tomorrow going to & fro meeting,
How we do want another revival &
another & multitude in the Church of
O I do hope dear little Wilder & Charley
will be saved in their tender years.
I cannot [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
24th of last telling us of [illegible]
arrival at Bombay [illegible] [illegible]

Tho. there were [illegible] before & him
him, Yet, he went on without injure
He have to call on our Savior to bless
the Lord for his mercy to him. He
made us a pleasant visit, preache
for your brethren once. Paid all his ex
penses paid & received $10.00
for anointing the Parkers people
one Sabbath. They removed things
from the stores on the Sabbath at Bon
gor, fearing injure from the rise
of water. But it had not come on
Monday a.m. Yesterday it did not at all.
8 O'clock eve. I alone. Other are at
Prayer meeting. I rejoice to hear of
more conversions in Ely. Some
in your family. May there be
many more. I might write
tell you that the Holy Spirit is
working wonders here. But
Tho. I tarry. wait for it. I hope
we shall meet in conference in Sept.
25th & Oct, if you wish to see your
how we have looked. Cast your
eye into the study. See your table,
& his clock, look on home scenes
on the rocking chair, on the stand
with a large book in hand. Some
times I have to curl up & make
room for Let at my feet. The Sch.
room has done. The machine sewing
she has done. The pillow cases. The velvet

volume of which I have viewed within ten or 12 days. Strange to tell, while writing I was seized with a violent fit of yawning & fell asleep for perhaps 15 minutes.

27th A beautiful Sabbath. All gone to the house of God. I look towards it & pray that many may be born into the kingdom of God there even today. But my dear only daughter, flesh of my flesh & bone of my bone, "my flesh & my heart fail, but God is the strength of my heart & my portion forever" Ps. 73-26. May He be your portion & the portion of your children, & children's children to many generations.

Yesterday we were made grateful by a letter from you telling us you were all well. Perhaps you remember how my grandmother used to repeat "O! the beauty of health"

28th I have rather an uncomfortable day. I have as yet needed no particular attention but to have my bed made have kept no one awake nights. This is a great blessing. Mrs Burnham is confined to her room. She has no appetite, & I fear is not out of danger. Do not be troubled about me Nettie - I have never been able to be any benefit to you since you were married - but many thanks to the Giver of all good gifts - You have a heritage

able & willing to do for me, & offering
friendship. Sister Lucy is very much
changed & altered & think may
live to be comfortable many years.
Other friends at home as usual.
Dear Harriet. Have eaten my supper & feel
strengthened by it, but it was a temptation to me
to lay my head down once. Yesterday
during the ceremony Skinner came over
to my father's to see if he could get
a hack & with a woman & I will have
done him no good. He has a bad headache
in the P.M. & also most of today, but is
better now.
P.S. Sick pig today. Received Myrtle
& Harriet Chestnut hair for name
& home. Chestnut hair of life, but
in dark brown. Our garden is completely covered
with snow from 6 inches perhaps
to one foot & a half deep. We have
have to take care of it this season.
Miss Capt. Kimball called on me yes-
terday, said Horace & Hannah
were now keeping house in Ac-
ton. Mrs Doyle are back to
her father's. Yours &c. Mother.
Love to all —
from father & mother
comfortable
in morn.

Have not been over to Ellis's yet since I returned. Saw him yesterday at the office in Bangor. He is in a flourishing condition. I am glad to see it. I am also glad to see that you are doing well at Eastern. I do not doubt it. I will write you soon & as often as I can. Write me & tell me what you are doing & how you get along. Yours.

Bangor March. 21. 1859.

Sister Nettie;

I thank you very much for your two letters. I have neglected to write much longer than I meant to. For the last two month I have written very little, because I felt that it was an injury to me, & my letters home have been the sum total of letter writing. When I started for N.H. I took a pack of unanswered letters, thinking I might do something with them while at home, but I brought them back as I carried them - unanswered still.

Preached Bangor on my return fr. N.H., this morning. I found awaiting me your last good letter & four others. I had a feast I assure you. I have no idea that it takes two of yours to equal one of mine, tho' it may take

two to get one. My letters are not worth much, for I hurry them thro' as quick as possible.

I suppose you will wish to learn some thing more about my visit home. Our dear Mother is not at all well. She has changed very much since last Fall. I could not help feeling each time I looked at her, that I should not long have a mother here on earth. I have often thought of this before, but till now it never has seemed near. Now I feel that each letter may bring me the news, either of her severe illness - or of her death.

She was very unwell during one of the weeks I was at home, but was some more quiet when I left. She coughs a good, & coughing often gives her the cramps in the stomach, so painful that she seems

hardly able to endure it. Since her sickness two years & a half ago. she has never been very well. Has frequent attacks of dysentary, - that take her strength all away - both in the Summer & winter. A severe attack in the Warm weather I fear would go hard with her. as she seems to have no strength to spare without this disease.

This is the way she seems to me. She spoke of perhaps not seeing me again, and asked, if she should die if I should wish to be sent for.

May we be constantly prepared my dear sister both for the death of our mother & Father, & for our own death. O that we might have that faith that gives the victory over the King of Terrors, so that while we mourn, we conquer.

Jennie is a good girl & I think is quite happy.

You ask me how I like Elisha's family. It is a direct question, yet I am happy to say that I have no objections to answering it directly - I like them all, I am not enough with them to know much of them - but I am always welcomed when I go & have a pleasant time, Hattie Schutt, I have met several times, & can speak of her in the language above used. With me she has been so still & quiet that I know nothing at all about her, but what I can read for, her countenance.

You ask for the number of my correspondents. I can not tell to a unit but they vary fr 12 to 25. not over 12 that I pay much attention to.

As to money I have enough of it. My sermons are a cash article & have a ready market.

As to Lennie's marriage, I am very confident that she would prefer waiting another year - but she leaves it all to Herbert. It is a matter in wh. I feel I have no business. I ask no questions - & know no more about it than she sees fit to pour into my ears.

Dumbarton Thr 5th 1858

Dearest Father, I received your
dear letter telling us of your
illness. I do hope you will be soon
relieved, but Herbert informs us a
day later that you have a broken
breast. Poor girl — It will be a
good while that you must suffer
more or less. If it does well.
But you will be patient & that
will save half. The Lord, trust
in your heavenly Father to sustain
you in all that is before you &
to make you joyful in his mer-
cies. I shall think of you & pray for
you daily - yes, hourly.

8th Dear Isaac, Many thanks for
your letter & for all particulars
you give us of Aethie. Give my
love to Mrs. Devitt, tell her I feel
very grateful, that she can sit by
the side, & watch over my dear
sick child. Herbert tells us
as late as Sabbath eve, 4 p.m. She
was no better. We have the sat-
isfaction to believe that every-
thing will be done for her good
that can be. Yet, we know not
how her sickness will terminate
Very glad you have no grievance

& that the dear little boys are
so happy & good.

I have not been so much dis-
tressed, for the past week, as for many
weeks before, if it continues I may
again be what I call pretty well.
Yesterday & last eve. Jenny had a bad
headache, & this morning I told your
father, we would let her sleep. so with
a little of his help I got breakfast at
the usual time (7½) made my bed &c,
& about half past 9 your father started off
to Weare.

Mrs Raymond & Mrs Gahan's sis-
ter have each a young babe.

Jenny has engaged with in the
Pinson district. will have about 10
scholars. She has a mind to teach &
we don't see why she could
not. tire her very much & she will
of course be out in the fresh air
which she enjoys, & it might be bet-
ter for her health, than to be here all
the time. She has come down (about 9)
says her head feels much better.

Elizabeth Marshall is coming to
do our housework. Mother.

We hope to hear again from Father tomor-
row. We shall be anxious to hear very
often, while he remains sick. Our God
can & may cure it, that he may speedily
recover. My own health is good. com-
fortable, & we hope your mother will
be soon. At any rate, we are confi-
dent God will do all things well. Father.

I thought dear Nettie, I would put in a few words for Dot to of you (Jane too). Jane came to Arundel & is to be there I could do something for you. Wait on you. I have not been very well the few days past having taken a cold. I feel much better this afternoon. Take to bed all morn. I have finished Charles (print.) that I sent you a piece of Nettie, and how do you like it. I think I shall like it very much. It cut it myself. It is made yoke and bell. This has been a beautiful day, more like Spring than any day we have had since April came in. I am now all packed on muslin clothes again, Nettie, finishing up the last. Hate to go. Then will close with much love to you. Write I am going to bed so tired. I think it will be a very pleasant place. The school will be about 15 scholars. Five have had called to day some. Mrs. Ireland, Mrs. Goodwin & Frederick Jane. Also Mrs. Dr. Mrs. Dr. Mrs.

and children. Mrs Eaton will leave soon. I expect they'll be sorry for this day. He is a kind neighbor, and will be missed as such. Jonathan is baking day with me and I anticipate quite a successful time. If I can't I'll just have to have gran some gingerbread. Isaac made up the speech. Thaksmas is suit. gave last. I am very glad that little boy did recover. It should be sorry if poor Sandy lost his brother.

April 9. Jenny is so busy this morning, that she cannot come over. It is cold indoors, - just will just suit us this place. We are all about as we were yesterday, except that Jenny appears quite well. The weather is very cold for the season, - 10 degrees below freezing point this morning. The snow is not very deep, & the sun is now shining.

We earnestly hope we shall hear today that Hettie is better. We remember her in our daily prayers. May the Lord bless you all.

Mother.

Dunbarton, Feb. 9th 1869.

Dear Children, We cannot express the gratitude we feel for the letter rec'd to day. A good spirit it breathed, & the good news it brot, was better than its weight in silver or gold.

10 We had felt very anxious about Lithia, as a great degree of inflamation is always somewhat dangerous. But we now rejoice in the hope that she will be restored to her family, the Ch. & world - to be a greater blessing than ever before. This is a beautiful Sabbath - tho. cold, should it be so a week hence, I hope I may go to the house of God.

11 Again we have heard by Herbert that Lithia is slowly recovering. It gives us great joy to learn so much. May she soon be fully restored to active life & usefulness.

We have heard fr. George today. He is well & happy. Also fr. Sister Paine & find the former with her family well, Nancy (Mrs Hahn) & Com, live in Pelo Grand Dese & have a daughter - Sister Lucy is quite comfortable in health & happy. Your cousin Anna still lives & suffers a great deal at times. Jenny had a letter from H. D. M. today. She always wishes to be remembered to you.

Mam.

it. Rainy today. We have hardly had what we could call a pleasant day since. We have several snow-storms of 4 or 5 inches deep. I should like to look into your beautiful garden & see the green leaves, & red & yellow flowers, but, as it is, I can see in all the good & pleasant things you enjoy. Your dear presents, dry trees — nuts & pictures of nuts. Some of my tomato vines & leaves, they look very healthy, here, in the city.

Now, I hope dear Betty you can get up & feel comfortable. I think I gain a little. Your father has attended a few meeting every evening this week. I am told they are very interesting, but no new cases of conversion. You must excuse your father from writing for he has a great deal to attend to. A great deal more about home. Mary is very well when I was comfortable, well. But now I am not. Oh, I wish I had something to say to the little boys — but, I make grandchildren of all the little ones about here, & pray God to make them all his children. Good bye

Your affectionate
Mother.

Dear children — Feb. 22 — 1857

Dear children I am quite comfortable this pleasant morning; free from pain & distress - which I could not have said before any morning for a long time. Mary Anderson waited on me, made my bed, combed my head & rubbed me morning & evening - who did me much good.

I hope you are enjoying the visit being benefited by it, from what Mary E - If I had been well I should have written her, & her Mother & sister long ago: she will not talk our strength away - & I trust you will do eachother good - & Peter - tho' it may seem 'unfortunate' that he visit should be when you are sick. We do hope you have gained very fast since Isaac wrote.

Yesterday Mrs. Brown, Kimball, & Brigham called to see me. Mrs Burnham is convalescing - Mrs. Dunham is considered gaining - Mrs. Dunham not known as she was supposed to stand alone yet. Other neighbors well. Tomatoes looking strong - Garden not ploughed yet - all things but Grass which shows its greenness, & look from the study.

I have commenced the 5th Vol of what I call our Bible - & tho. I have read it on many times before, it never seemed half so good & pure as now - And many little incidents generally known of what is contained in their Holy Book. still we find a great difference between those who have been studied in it frequently & have been in the habit of reading it - & those who have not - when they are brought into the kingdom of Christ. Very glad he can see so well & happy. Alec, too, can get more - for we must make them a play-house - it seems so cold to see & read in the room -

We received Mrs Gs on this moment Cooking &c is beautiful -
Thank you for it dear
Your father sends love to Mother
& love to all -
Alec. I go on to the rafts.

Bangor, Apr. 30, 1859.

My dear Lister:

In a round-about way I have learned that you have been very sick, & tho. getting better, I suppose are not very well now. I was sorry to learn of your illness – but glad to know that you were convalescent. The first I knew of it, Elijah read me fr. one of Isaac's letters, as we sat in the boat to go over to Brewer. Then afterward I got some information – fr. home.

My own health is quite good now – & spend a great deal of my time out of doors, walking the streets – & seeking flowers in the woods, &c. Tho. flowers are as yet rather scarce here

at the North pole. There is yet a good deal of snow in the woods & large heavy cakes of ice still lying by the side of the river.

I often think, this is the end of the world - & the cold end too.

I have purchased a Lithograph, lately, of Greeley, Sumner, Seward, Chase, Whittier, Hale, Beecher, on one sheet, framed in a gilt oval frame. I hang it over my table. I love to look at such noble heads.

I also furnished my window with a few flowers. Wh. in gratefulness for good tendance load the air with rich perfume & constitute a circle of beauty for the Eye to swim in.

One lilly flower - with its buxom red blows - & breath sweet as

ambrosia; One Balm Geranium, vieing with the Lilly - for fragrance, beautiful, in the form & greenness of its leaves. & the delicate structure of its blossom, & two darling Pansys, holding up their round honest heads with a beautiful blending of the purple, orange lemon, & of the pale & pure White. These I love very much. 'Tis a joy to me to tend them.

For theology, I am now listening to lectures on Faith, & reading in connection, "The Beauties of Ruskin" & Alexander Smith's last volume of Poems. For an Episode, I sometimes take up the Bibliotheca Sacra, & read Dr. So & So's thoughts on Atonement Regeneration or some thing of that kind.

I preach about three

Sabbath per. month. & on the
4th listen to some of the
many fine Pr. this City offers.

I have just finished writing
a sermon on the prayer of
the wicked. Pr. Prov. 15:8.

Now I must bid you goodby.
I go to see Elisha's people. Even week
or so. all well I believe.
Hope soon to hear fr. you, & that
you are quite well again.

Your bro.

Geo. A. Putnam.

Dunbarton, May 21, 1859.

Dear Children!

We did not get to hear from you last week, as we expected. We hope you are very well, informing us of improving health & prosperity.

I am thankful to tell you of our health, and mine very comfortable, & I think have more of my daily strength of late, & hope it will continue, although I am the most helpless sufferer. Our main dependence to be leaning here, & the strength is returning, that I practice what we be, for this unexpected manifestation of our heavenly Father's love & kindness! May his goodness increase, & we be more watchful & prayerful for his mercies.

A Sunday Communion was held in the Wesleyan Church last Sunday. She felt rather bad during the week, but on the day was an excellent one, the attendance, with the usual exception of Sinners was good, and all felt that it was good for them to be present at the engagement in Heaven. She changes her think, will be pronounced to, Sunnie Ruth, as she is now going teaching, & going to, & from, the school till June when the Examination. The open air, the school so small, the labour will, of course, be nothing light.

We were greatly pleased, Sabbath before last with the new accession to our Sabbath School. Capt. Hinson, Lorkeen Beauchamp, Fanny Irwin, Bailey, Sarah Markham & James Mills, & Mrs. Richardson.

Bangor, June 1st 1859.

Dear bro Isaac:-

I was glad to receive a letter fr. you informing me more fully of Nettie's condition. I did intend ~~to~~ to have answered it ere this but like yourself have been very busy.

To write a letter now seem quite a task to me, in comparison with years ago. I now write so much that I am glad to avoid it all I can.

Last week was vacation on account of Anniversaries, & I improved the opportunity to take a trip to Moose head Lake. In company with a class-mate I walked the whole distance to the Lake, & 25 miles of the way back. It is called 65 miles fr. Bangor there, & we took it easy & walked it in two days & a half.

11 o'clock the little Steamer "Fairy of the Lake." & went the whole length of it, 40 miles. I suppose you know all about it, & discription would be quite superfluous. When we had seen all we could in the time we had, we started homeward, leaving the "Eveleth Hotel," at foot of the Lake, at half past nine o'clock Friday Evening, & that night we walked, over the hills & thro' the forest, 25 miles by starlight, reaching Abbot about 4 o'clock Saturday morning. From this point we stayed it to Bangor.

My impressions of Maine are much more favorable than before I took this trip. Judging fr. Bangor & vicinity, I thought it was one of the most barren & desolate of all States. But as I passed up thro' Garland, Exeter & Dover I found it a beautiful

Scenery, fine farming communities &c. as I have seen in N.H. & Mass. Then I got some very fine mountain & forest scenery; some of the most beautiful groves & forests of Birch, Beech & Maple that I have ever seen.

I enjoyed the trip very much, & tho' my feet were well blistered all the time I was gone, I gained strength by the exercise & have felt better ever since.

Vegetation looks very finely here; grass is very forward, many apple trees in blossom &c.

I am Lem. Gardener this Summer, that is, I have all the care of the flower garden. I work in it full half the time now, to free it fr. the dominion of weeds, & get it into shape. It has been sadly neglected for a year or two past & I am so proud that I will not

have it looking meanly while my name is associated with it. Hence my pride costs me a little back ache daily, but the exercise make me strong & healthy.
But a few weeks more & this year will be at an end. I shall be very busy the remaining time.
I hope soon to hear of Nettie's good health, & also the good health of the daughter. Our dear Mother by my last letter, seems to be recovering some what. wh. rejoices me very much.
I suppose you hear very frequently fr. Elisha's family. I have not been there to call for some time. Have not seen Hattie since week before last, when we went to hear some French-men sing.
Much love to you all, hope to hear fr. you soon.

Your Bro. Geo. A. Putnam

Sunbarton, June 13, 1859.

Dear Children:

I am [illegible] by last mail, & we were much pleased to hear a letter [illegible] health, & the general welfare of your family. And we are very happy to be able to say, that Aunt Mother's health continues to improve. She comes out into the kitchen frequently, most (the North-West) regularly at meals, & appears in a fair way to recover comfortable health, tho' she probably will never be able to do her house-work as she did last year. She hopes to keep Mrs. Thacher permanently for a while [illegible] much, — she [illegible] very [illegible] & kind, &

so well. I consider it a very
great favor to be able to obtain such help.

Have had two weeks, Sister Joni, & Miss. Annie, as
sister of Mrs. S. (of Northboro), have
been with us much to our
enjoyment. During their stay
here, they have tried to do
every thing they could for
your mother's comfort, by
nursing, serving, &c. Miss. Annie
is about your mother's age,
but very strong & healthy, &
has taken right hold of work
as if she really loved it, as I
indeed she does. We expect they
will come to-morrow, if the
weather favors. Their visit
will be gratefully remembered.
Sister Stan. Hood has gone
home well, & we think she has gained
so strength, while here. It
rejoices to see her so comfortable

I am not quite sure if we can come up to Hill, owing to a severe cold. Jennie's health is about as usual. She seems to be enjoying herself very well in her school.

You [illegible] what much severer than usual in this region. In our garden, nothing was injured, but considerable injury was done in this region.

I hope to hear from you very often, & to see letters [illegible] with that of the husband soon.

Affec.

Mother.

Dear Children,

I subscribe to all the above, & have only [illegible] enjoin the duty of every visitor & especially of our dear [illegible] to be very kind to our dear grandpa.

I have never done so much
work as I have this week
& do not expect to do much
more than I have done for
for a long time - & enjoy.
but, all is well. I am comfortable & happy. & have
everything I need.

You know I care but little
about a name. & the character is
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

Tunbridge, July 19, 1859.

Dear Children:

Your letter by last mail filled our hearts with gratitude, in view of the kindness, filial affection, & feelings of generosity, it so manifested. We certainly appreciate your noble offer, to bear the expenses of Mother & me a visit on the coming autumn. It is more than generous, & you have our warmest gratitude in return.

We do not, however, see our way clear, in carrying out the enterprise, at present. We regard it as quite too hazardous an undertaking for your Mother, till her health shall be

one continued. The hope we shall be able, sometime, to see you at your own home but we cannot feel that it is best to attempt to do so this year. We think a visit to Olympia, at night be additionally pleasant, after Jennie shall have had time to become settled, — perhaps. It would be pleasant to visit you & her husband, in their own home, when we make such a journey as well as you, at your home. If providence shall seem to permit, we think we shall enjoy, very much, a visit at your place.

My own health is quite comfortable. I went to Manchester with Jennie yesterday, where she had some teeth filled by Dr. Hewett, & also purchased material, for some dresses, with Miss Mary Allyn to make up. Jennie school closes next week. God bless you, both temporal & spiritual, may attend you & the little ones, is the prayer of Father.

Dear Children:

I have received your letter & was very glad to hear from you. Thanks for your kind offer - we can't tell you when we will be home. If practice (as you will be home) we will be home on the 20th of June, but I suppose we have had to change. Left he days (we have had to change. Left he course H. Marshall is sick) & we now have Severe Bronchitis sleeps with me. I can wash & dress myself & have sewed on lower a little now. Cough not much different time; light work. I suffer but long time, have not been to meeting yet.

I are favored by having this many Union to do general dress making. I do it for others. Brethren. I cannot tell you all the purchased - as it times are to me, & grow you must excuse hed for nothing - for I want to keep her calm as possible. I think her health has improved considerable

Dear Father & Mother I shall now
tell the news I suppose. I made
to Jennie with Lewis & back
this morn. I feel better for it.
We have a quilt in, in my name
we & quilt (not in very easy) had
an hour & then to dinner an
Lucy again. Dan Mary & Caldwell
this morn. She came out to the
Chance to Mrs L. Wilson's
a New Chamber Cairy have a
vase a fine clyse old. Name of
also Mr. Kimballs, Sarah Ann
10 ac. also Mr. Reddish & had a
disappointment. Last Friday the
body was not found until Saturday
Sabbath. Then buried about
dinner in the P. G. South is
every where & in all forms.
Your pa's health much as usual.
Will write more if I can.
Love to all, great Love.
Wish I could send something to
the babies. Is there anything you
will like to have me send. When
Jennie goes. Good Mother.

Dumbarton Aug. 4. '59

My dear Sister Nettie:

I have neglected you much longer than I ought to & than I meant to. But the past weeks have been very busy with me. I have been preaching every Sabbath, & during the weeks, writing & preparing sermons & studying for examination &c. Now I am home. Anniversary days over, & am at leisure.

I hope by this time that you are strong & healthy. This free air of Dumbarton & old Scotland do you good. It is for Japan to have air, that is to say, Bangor. It sets one right up & he feels strong & powerful.

Mother is looking far better than she did in March when I was home. She is now well, smart, works like old. It seem good to see her so for I hardly expected it.

When I reached home Father was quite unwell, all reduced with his old disease, so that he was unable to preach. I reached home Saturday night just in season to supply his pulpit. This seemed quite providential. God's ends always meet. Father is now better.

I suppose I shall be at home now some three months. I mean to get just as much rest & reviving out of this time as possible, for I feel that I need it.

I have preached 22 Sabbath since this year came in, besides attending to my seminary studies. I do. I have not written but two sermons in this time. yet it has taxed my thoughts some what, I do not feel very particular about laboring during the vacation.

Elisha had a beautiful time down the Penobscot a week or two since-- this time we were gone four days. took a little sloop-- sailed right on board-- Capt. Teague. manage the boat.

By & by I will write you again perhaps a better letter for this I know is very little besides ink.

Your bro. Geo. A. Pullman

I saw a friend of your, Isaac, a little
time ago, & went out to Hendrickson to
preach, & saw a Mr. Case who was a
College mate of yours, had a pleasant
talk with him, & told him where
you were & he said he should write
to you ——————

"George —"

Helen.

Dear you are, & grand-
children too. I may sometime see you
& I may not, but all will be well.
Not exactly "like of old" that I work
for. I wait upon myself, mostly. This
morning a great ironing was to be done
bedspread, window curtains &c so I wiped
the dishes & starched 7 collars & 2 shirt bo-
soms. Jennie has gone 11 collars for her
self & me. & now she is going to write to
Grandpa & says she has to iron 8 shirts
& 11 collars & shall write her before long.
I told her she must be very busy [illegible]
until her things are all made for a start.
Then she may have leisure, I have marked
27 towels & sheets &c we set to make that
completed, a Jackson, checked with cashmere
& black bayadere, almost. The work is all done at
Mrs. Brigham's, a great favor to me. of such
calico to make. I sewed an hour or two evenly
then lie down & feel as if I take it rest-
fully. I not been to church yet. Still weakness I
fear I quit to make with [illegible] do not [illegible] to
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Sister Nettie.

I wanted to let you see some of my hand writing. H. D. Newcomb is now bobbing round the room with a hitch & a halt- peculiar to herself- She is good but has her faults & funnies- & were I good at story telling I could soon make her, of the black eyes & white winkers & brows, as famous as Mrs Partington or Widow Bedott. I spend my time trimming trees & eating the apples. Wish I could see you. But I cannot, as here's my love,

Your bro.

George.

My Dearest Father,

I write & have seen
one to-day, but I can hardly say I am able to
visit, even for one part of an afternoon. & I have
concluded, it is not best to by going to Hoathly.
for as you know never think, much for what
that is, what is necessary to be done, one
I have to think, as that is most I can do,
& thinking will pass upon me in the hours
I wish to sleep. But I believe we shall
succeed in getting three servants. We have
Emma Brown for help, about half a good
servant girl. & Eliza are sick about us.
& it is almost impossible to find any body
to take care of them. Many have left
the near neighbours & I [illegible] Miles, & Margaret Caldwell, Margaret Gibbons, Mrs
Smart Sarah Law & one gone & believe We shall one Jane
Oh I should like to look in upon you all here, Mother.

Dunkirk 25 Aug.
1839

[illegible]

[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

I have been meditating on these things. I trust with some benefit. Dr. Herbert arrived. He [illegible] a day or more before [illegible] him. He remarks to your father, he expects him. Why? said he, because you used to come the day beforehand. We are [illegible] pleased with Herbert. They will we expect be married next Tuesday, perhaps, just before Easter. Now we will love to have you here. I have written to [illegible]. I received a letter from J. I have answered it requesting his presence, but we know nothing either to expect here or by correspondence within four weeks from the time he left home.

28. A most beautiful Sabbath morning. I have to set up [illegible] days to write up the week. I this

morrow. For the first time for many months I made my own bed - I think of many other things my thoughtfulness.

3 o'clock P.M. I went to meeting & heard your pa. preach from "Add to your faith virtue" I hope I shall do it better than I ever have done before. He & W. is still here, waiting for the wedding to be over. Then we expect she will leave. I often think of the days when Henry & you & Geo. used to sing together; about how I loved to hear you & see you, but soon we shall be Eff children, for we have the promise of our Saviour, & we'll not leave you co. for Him. & I believe he will come to us, & give us joy & peace. Sometimes it seems necessary that we pass thro more fiery trials before we are purified & made ready for our Master's ser-

vice, above.

The Family Dinner will be on Thursday of this week - 31st day of Oct. We would more of us be there, Oh! may the Spirit of God so direct & overrule it, that it may be best for us all.

Your own Love
Brother.

P.S. Sister Hattie, your will call your self, Mrs. Isaac Moore & I Mrs. Isaac Moore reach here Tuesday.

Sister Hattie. We are having good times here nowadays! only wish you & Isaac & the children could be here to complete the circle. We - the 3 children - are going to Concord this - Monday - morning - 'tis cool & clear & pleasant. & we shall have a fine time doubtless. Much love to you & your little ones -

Bro. George.

Miss May Whitcomb

Dumbarton, Sep. 6. '57.

My dear Sister Nettie:

Your letter - 15th. I only chanced to get it because you could not well address it to anybody else, was nevertheless welcome & duly noticed by an answer. It came in season to reach Jennie Putnam. - But two or three hours later it would have missed her. The "little cottage" as you call it, for a week or two past has been witness to quite busy scenes. These rooms that spend their winter so quietly - have lately been really stirred out of their old life & sociability. But it is I suppose only a lucid moment in their history for according to present appearances they will soon relapse again into the girl
former & usual quietness.

Herbert came first of the brothers. We all like him very much & are glad for Jennie's sake & for our own that he is, what he is.

Isaac's visit is quite an era in my history. I feel now that I know him better than ever before. I certainly wish I might know him yet better. I have always regretted that I must regard him as a stranger, for I could not feel that I knew anything of him. His bro. Elias I have learned to hold strongly in my affections as well as the whole family so far as I have met them. and this has only increased my desire to become well acquainted with Isaac. I do still hope that the time may come when I can spend longer time with him. I renew my acquaintance

with you — my dear Sister. This morning as I took his hand & bid him — good b.y. I felt thankful for this short visit I could only wish that he could have stayed longer. What a dear little Brother I have had great times. I spent almost the entire day yesterday with him, much to my pleasure & to his also. Queen Isaac will tell you about his shivered hand when he reaches you.

Tomorrow Jennie goes. & then we shall be quite alone. especially as Serene Brown is to leave us also. What we shall do for help, I do not know — but I hope something can be done to the satisfaction of all.

We are having callers now all the time from noon & afternoon. There are many here in Concord this Easter. Mrs. Weaver (Eunice Bullard) &

Miss Alma Herbert. They will take dinner with us, I suppose,

I hardly know what to write more - the bell every little while goes ting a ling-ling. & I must wait upon the callers & put up Carlie's horses &c. &c. & poor Nathan must be dragged out of her bed to see old friends & Herbert must pack Shane & Hack his boots & Jennie must iron, & every thing is so hurrahurous that I cannot think of any thing very fine to write to you. And as Isaac & Jennie & Herbert will so soon be with you to declare "vive voce" all these things to you & more verily - I will now draw my epistle to a close - inasmuch as my sheet has well nigh drawn me to a close. Therefore having filled this page with telling you that I have nothing to write I now subscribe myself

(Your everlasting bro.
George.

Well-known Pendleton
Banker Dies
Suddenly
Funeral Services Will Be Held
Tuesday Afternoon
at Two O'clock

you, Ma. Hey ha if dowlfin
ourselves gone wid nemmen
them.
Ole rent know how gut shee
Eric he comes Mon-
he to comes all to my
home by father, we have
ever dare my week for
you well be joy fuck when
husband, chief. Kisses
neck you. Kiss to be a secret a Kiss for
you to fell. Jonny never fuck to
you tell Kaitlin Ma Kiss

Sunbarton Sept. 10 - 1859.

My Dear Children.

This evening your Isaac & Lettie, Herbert & Jennie & your good Mother, I think are all together. Is it so? How God protects you at home & on the wave; but a new tone in your mouths, because you once more see each other face to face in the most happy circumstances? In a few days, we hope to learn wh. great blessings have descended upon you.

Acha & her husband & 2nd children eldest & youngest have been here to day. They have a bright-fine looking children, the youngest only 5 mos old & real beauty.

Today Jen. B. & wife & children came here, & he took care of baby & let each go to meeting. His wife & he remained at home. How they have gone to meeting. They make many inquiries, & I have told [illegible] as do a great many people.

Acha is good & seems like child like as ever. She has been to church today but I kept at home. Grandma has been more troubled with

his usual complaint yesterday & today. tho he felt quite unable to preach this Sab. & for a time tho't he cd not get thro. but did - get feels very uncomfortably now.

Lodge

Geo. went to Gilmanton, & brought home today. Theophilus Frost will tell you a story about a certain Fanny. From all we learn, she is a very good girl, but tho she is not fully engaged to any body, but her fancy is fixed. Mrs. Wm Brown, Verona brothers, died this morning.

Mr & Mrs Patrick made us a call last week.

15th Your father has not been able to sit up much this week, several times, we have tho't him in a way to be better, but I do not know tho he really is. Last night I gave him a laudanum injection. & he rested better than any night before for a long time but feels very weak, fainty & no appetite this morning. I have rested two nights quite well, so that I feel very much strengthened to wait on your father. 9 o'clock, Your father has been up & taken a little chicken broth & toasted bread. I hope he will

feel better.
Rosena left us last Monday
charged nine shillings a week
for her feeble services. What
she did about house that is in
the line of cooking & she did very
well - but, she did very little & not
very for me, as a Nurse. Geo.
has told you how we are &
or, rather what he is doing,
we have not concluded him
we shall live the coming
to. Our sick neighbors are
recovering; but, two more sick
at the Friends'

H. Colby came here Monday
P.M. & was repairing my George's
clothes, coat, pants & yesterday vest.
Now I hope to be able to get
his shirts & stockings in order
sometime. He nicely concluded
he would bring nothing of his for-
ward to mind. Will George
was made ready to leave us.

The leaves look rather dev-
astated I assure you - & when
we come to the table, no body
this morning but George & I; you
may perhaps better imagine than
I describe my feelings, but, I have
had so much to care about - & so
much to do particularly for my
dear husband - that I have little time

to think of Caroline.

We have not heard from Clair Newcomb yet; Has Jennie?

We think if able to write, once in two weeks - we shall write alternately to you - & Herbert & Jennie.

I had a nice pair of feeting fore paned, some months ago, before my last confinement, for Isaac - & never tho't of them when he was here - or till after Jennie was gone.

George has picked & bro't to the barn 6 barrels of apples, which were blown off yesterday. While he is there at work, he is admiring - & observing the beautiful clouds - The Cloud's today are Cirri.

We all join in love to all. Your father says, he should write if able - May be he will be next time - Good bye.

Your affec. Mother.

Do give much love to Nellie. We have

Jennie was not entirely well when we wrote

Dunkerton, Oct. 10, 59.

Dear Children:

[illegible] to-day, [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

beds, in which we are all finite, ourselves being judges. Since I have received my, what strength I have made my own bed, which is not much to me. It is a great comfort to have your mother about home at all, etc. Having given up all hope of her recovery from her sickness, it cannot be, made enough for the goodness of God in thus giving her to us, & enabling her again to mingle in the active scenes of life.

We had, a week or two since the pleasure of receiving by mail, the picture of our niece Martha Putnam of Marion, forwarded at our request. It looks, as if it belonged to the Putnam family, & we were quite happy to place it upon

own hearts take. I am not sure but I may have told you that, at her request, I sometime since forwarded her a picture of myself. We hope for one long letter from Aunt Sallie, who has not written since her return. We are rather pleased with these new local rules, so far as we can judge of them by their effects.

Have you read "Aunt Sally"? George brought it home a week ago Fri. Coward, I read it all to ma and cummings the next forenoon. It is unlucky in some things and I think calculated to do a great deal of good, and in certain of the circumstances of the case, I have no doubt of its being the best thing for the sustaining power of

receive in return, the kindness & love of human ~~souls~~ hearts. I had all been published, at home, in the Independent, but I never read it there, so the book was all new to me.

You are glad you, Nettie & Jennie, can be together so often. I think you may take a great deal of comfort together, loving & sympathetic in soul, as you are. Your husbands, too, I should think, like each other well, & enjoy much in each other's society, — as also in the society of each other's wives. I think your two families will make much to each other's happiness. Make life's pathway as bright & pleasant as you may. Be thankful that the dead, among the "goodly heritage," & "pleasant places," have not obtained "power together." Better so. Love to all.

Affectionately Father.

Fountain Co. Oct. 7th 1859.

My Dear Children,

Your letter of ... was duly rec'd & we feel thankful for all the good news it contained. I have been gaining strength ever since the time for two or three weeks. tho. I do not sit up all day, & do not mean to while I can gain by lying down. Sarah was sent for to Mrs. Cox's the first of the week, last eve. The cloths returned, & today I have been sewing on buttons, & making other repairs. My little one's ear is, on the whole, quite well. She is very nice, dressed in my silk frock &c.

Yesterday ... [illegible] ... visiting at A. Hill's ... in the eve. with Gov. S. & ... the boys gone to ride over the field. & gone, & ... about ... [illegible]

hour or more. Wednesday I went to Mr Will. Burnham's. I stood too. (I had not called on Meneth before) - had a pleasant visit, two qts. of milk, & did not feel any worse for it. Yesterday, we called at Mr Bray's & John Gutterson's They have a second daughter some weeks old. Perhaps Jennie has told you, Mr Fox's house was burnt a little before she left - Their loss was not great & they are building - & expect to have their new house ready for Winter. Hannah Marshall left nearly two weeks since for Cranfordville.

Mrs Harris - good Mrs Harris spent half a week with us & we enjoyed it very much. Last Monday Bell Jones went with her to Goshentown. She sent love to you.

Dr Carr is married to Fanny Parker.

Today Mrs Bell Mr. Geo. took Geo. Harden to Concord, & then he was going to Hopkinton to supply Mr Angier's pulpit. (he is to do so two Sabbaths) Then, he will leave us, in one or two

days from that time & set his face for Bangor. The last one must go but, we will try to feel that you are all near to us, as we are to you. Jno. has been very kind, & done so much for my comfort that I shall feel his loss more than ever before. It is a pleasant privilege to have a sister, or one who will supply the place of a sister - with whom we may freely associate. I am glad you have this enjoyment. Live in love, always be kindly affectionate, doing each other good from day to day - & you will be blessed in the doing. God might. The last one, I might, It was very rainy, but cleared away for well people to go to Ch. in A.M. & this P.M. I prepared, & went, I think without injury. Heard your father preach for. "Your heart shall live that seek God" When I reflect, that God has brought me almost from death. To live awhile longer here, I wish to seek God every day & hour that his glory may be promoted, & souls

bro't to Jesus. What a glorious work is going on in Ireland – & now entering Wales. If we are the children of God, shall we desire anything so much as to be "Coworkers" with God in such a work as this. I think I desire nothing so much for myself or Children. I rejoice in your temporal good things, your earthly comforts: but more in the hope that you are bringing forth the fruits of righteousness. I seem shut up to prayer, for I can scarcely go beyond the closet, but it is a blessed privilege to enjoy this. O that I may pray in faith. But you can pray – & give, (Lord, what God has given you, remember) & labor in various ways. Go on rejoicing in the Lord evermore.

We hope for a meeting for Children soon. Next week I, it is appointed – but I, you know we have nothing but small doings here.

Your very affectionate Mother.

Love to all. Many a one. Much of Jesus and the Spirit of Glory

Pembroke, Nov 7. 1851.

Dear Children.

It is a beautiful morning, so I will write a very little letter. In Oct. we had some real winter weather.

We are getting along quite comfortably here in my study. First it was for Jane mother, as we have a poor Cooking stove here, & kept but one fire, then we had to set up for your mother, but I could not succeed. Now, as she has some more strength, I do think by putting out her washing, cooking, & having most of the scrubbing done by other hands, she can set along quite as comfortable as any reasonable person can, barely

You will recollect, Nelly, when you taught school in the Bailey district, that three little Rodney boys attended. Well, two of them are now members of College, & the youngest, Hiram, is just finishing studies Latin & Greek, at the high school here which joins the College. We had quite a good school this autumn, tho' not large, taught by a Mr. Goss, member of Dart. College for a term.

I suppose Jennie has got quite well by this time. I've always wish to hear from both families when I can write. You must have quite a busy life of it, to have so many little ones to train; but it is pleasant to see their powers & minds expanding. Hard labor to them as well as to yourself, I reckon.

Excuse

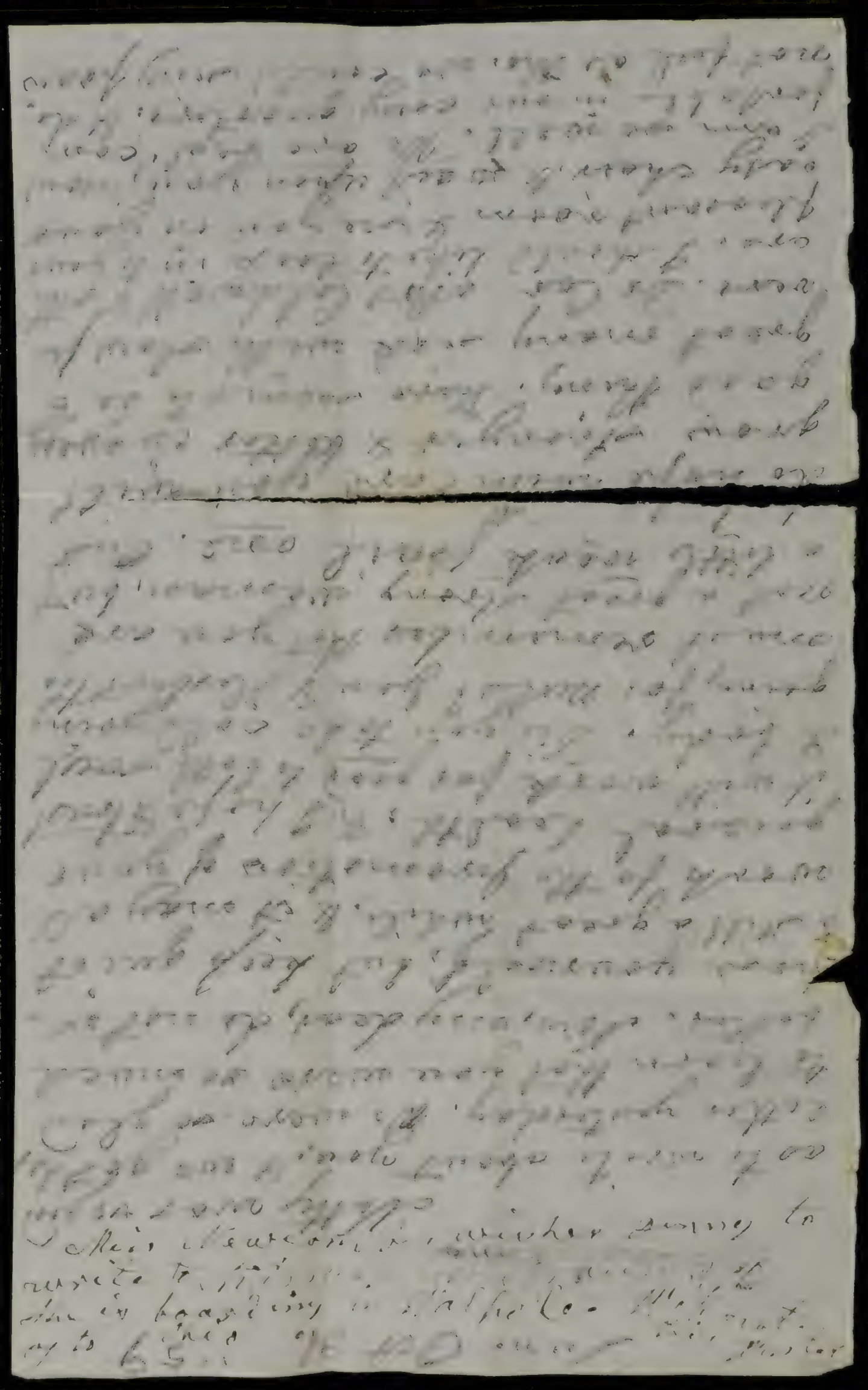
My Dear Children, Yesterday I went
to meeting both services, & to the S.S.
because if I came home at noon
the wind blew so it seemed as tho
I could not face it. I was tired
& with taking some cold in the
night or the morn. I have not
felt quite as well as usual. However I worked nearly about hours
in the forenoon, & this P.M. have
been finishing off a pair of drawers for you (Ira) which I commence
on Saturday. If it is pleasant weather, I hope to make one or two vis-
its this week. I really deserve to
do so tho your father thinks it
strange. Hope Edgar & Widow will
soon.

Mr. Ch. Rider I think is sin-
cerely a christian, & an excellent
independent, which he attended the
Convention at Manchester & I
did him great good.

If I can find the letter from
Nancy I will send some part
to you. I should be very glad to
have you take me place as cor-
respondent with Martha. She
desires to hear from Elizabeth, (Mrs
D. Fellows). I think she lives in
Putnam, Ohio.

George has five turkeys at E
& is with Ed Ely & H. Jewett.

Barbara he [illegible] paid
them. There are many in that
region, who ought to have known
[illegible] to learn. We will very few
parents attend children as we
are favored, we see them ought
are. We hope you feel your
obligations to God light whose
for the favor you that will
guide others to the narrow
way, & help them up to heaven
Dear little Hilda & Charley
[illegible] grandma's return and
have to write them a long letter
[illegible] for the present, perhaps
[illegible] will be better.
Tuesday the fourth was [illegible]
ver of the school, mostly in the
day time, & in the evening we
have to pray for this by the great
table, & great light.
Cousin Jim expects to come
[illegible] their echo Thursday the 12
[illegible] Monday night. Our State Thanks
[illegible] We shall have no child &
grown. We shall have no Sunday for Thanks
probably no Sunday for Thanksgiving
the day - but I don't not but
we shall have what grandma used
[illegible] to call a great
[illegible] in usual to grown & The Thanks
day - how it grows. He has given us
have not [illegible] He [illegible]
12 dollars this season. [illegible]
call to see you [illegible] Mother.
last week.



Bangor. Nov. 14 '57.

My dear Bro. & Sister

Your letter was received some days ago but so many ways have I turned my attention, that I could not well answer at an earlier date. It is now 9 o'clock. My day has passed in an alternation of reading & writing. Last week I did not accomplish much. Sometimes I seem to be very busy all the while - yet accomplish nothing - such was last week. I do not like this - yet it is a part of my experience. Perhaps my own peculiar feelings may account for this sometimes. & again - it may be, that during such weeks - I

am starting some train
of action that will be
productive of results weeks
to come. But a growing
feeling with me is - that
each day & each week
must be more fruitful
than the day & week that
leads it. And so of every
month & year.

Every night as I retire,
I love to count the deeds
accomplished; yet of late,
(yes 'tis the rule) night finds
me ere my work is done.

Take today, - Wh. as I call
the roll, gives better answer
than the average, - & 'tis not
what I would have it.

Let me give you the sum total.
That history lesson? - done -
Life of Cyprian -? still brewing.
Plan of Sermon? done,

Homeletics? yet untouched.
Sermons? on the spit, & others
matters of lesser importance
gaping at me, like a brood
of nestlings when the parent
bird holds worm above their
cot. But then - I know, this
is seed time, results are
future. & I may say I reap
my harvest every night in
discipline acquired, & conscious-
ness of honest effort. Yet
after all, I do love to be able
at night to take hold of
something I lay it away
with a zest saying "there
that's done!"

But enough of this.
Ho to the Millennium - when
it is to come - I never waste
one single thought upon it
I should sooner ask myself
what I was doing to hasten

its approach. It will come when it ought to, & if while I live, I have yet a great deal to do to get ready for it.

Father & Mother are to dwell together, they two, during the winter - unless sickness comes & then assistence must be rendered. Miss Emerson does nearly all the cooking - Mrs Clement the washing, & some little girls the sweeping - & so they get along. Mother is indeed gaining strength i.e. she was when I left home & doubtless is now. It is wonderful - & we thank God for his goodness. I think they are very happy as they are. & should they be sick I trust they will be provided for. Glad to learn of Dennie's recovery.

I am glad you think me so worthy of your confidence, & I can assure you that you have ever been a confident of mine when I had anything to tell. Indeed I scarcely know what I have withheld. There are many things wh. - if you were by my side

I should be dinging in your ears every day, Wh. do not seem worth while for me to write - for instance - My desultory thoughts - & half fledged plans - & unsettled hopes. When anything becomes tangible - & actual & gets to be among the facts of life - & not the dreams. Then I write to you. to double it - if joy - & help it, if 'tis grief. Believe me, you have to me, a sister's ears. Perhaps - you would

like to read, what,
to me, seems too vis-
ionary to write; if
so - name your
subject & your eyes
shall follow where
my pen has tracked
in obedience to
your call.
But I must close -
Much love to you
all -

Your Bro.
George,

Mr Dear Children,

Your dear
letter came to me this week from
our excellent friends, Mr & Mrs Boland
& I have felt thankful greatly to see
Mrs B— not as well & for me as I
we ought to expect it to be the case (for
parents, well generally be feeble & frail.
I hope you'll be better & more cheerful
times yet) & peace in believing &
trusting in Jesus, whose love is
above all the weakness of the flesh,
& makes darkness, light.
When I get your letters it seems
as tho' I must answer right off
So glad the garden is well & all the
rest
25 My things all go here for them
young. Could I have got the chi
here yesterday. Jess Crews
has made some most excellent
bread, as she does every week.
She does more for us than all
the rest of the people. I told her
she might make one pie for us
& she has made two. two apple &
one pumpkin. I find flour &
other materials. I should like
to have some of the people, some
of the children, or somebody sur
prise us with a call at last

to-morrow eve. but do not expect
so much as that. I do not know
of any letter for you
& Herbert than Charlie & they
may have good Mrs Fawcett
for a Mother. I love her dearly
& wish she could come & stay with
me a few days as she used
to. Call & see Mrs Ingersoll
when you go there again.

Today I have been putting a new
covering over your father's chair
black leather. It is heavy warm
dress. It is the back made of your
mothers old cloak. It was 6
inches to make it as long as it
ought to be. so that is about
the width of my hand
from the seat. I will
send you a bit.

29 Last Saturday Mrs Anderson & Jane
came here & remained with me till
after breakfast this morning. I took all the
care of her chamber (with I & she
made Samuel's bed & regulated
her room, before she left. She de-
sired much love to you & your
sister. Samuel assisted much better
than I expected he would. He has
left school today. & he was quite

pleased with the appearance of the
rich. He is boarding at Gen. Burn-
ham's - Frank Thomas is going
to school in Worcester this Win-
ter, her Uncle gives her board.
Caroline is teaching the same
school she has for some years.
Your Uncle Russel is board-
ing a Cousin John Thomas
Who is Uncle to Professor P.
of Dartmouth College. He is
old & feeble & destitute of
property, & Bro. P took him
into his own family & designs
to support him while he
lives - he pays five & a half
dollars a week for his board
now. It is quite a benefit to
your Uncle Daniel.

He shall probably have but
little company this winter.
& I trust we shall be very quiet
& happy. Think I shall read
more than in time past. Hope
too that we shall be able ere long
to tell you mamma are coming
to see. Grandma's living Mother

29. You ask, what we think about sending Willie to school? If he could like to go, I would by all means let him. He may profit as well by learning something in this way as that. I should not however, wish to press a child of his age and comfort here to study against his will, lest it should cause a distaste for learning.

The Hackney boys & Mr. Dent. Dartmouth. Your cousin Samuel (a member of the Sophomore class at Dartmouth) commenced teaching in this district two months with the scholars, & has $20.00 per month. He is an excellent scholar, and a young man of good habits, & I hope will do well. His mind seems to be on the change of location in respect to religion, & we are earnestly hoping that he will speedily make the surrender of himself to Christ. We were quite surprised & pleased to learn of Mahan's & Fanny's joining the church, but trust it will be a the best.

Father.

Tuesday Dec. 11th 1869.

My very dear Kitty,

This day I have been to Ch. all day. Old Mr Burtis's remains were brought to the meeting house & placed where where dear little Mayo's was, & your father preached from "As the mountains are round about Jerusalem; So the Lord is round about his people from henceforth even forever. His Object to show that God's people or christians were always safe, mentioning different circumstances, death & safe from condemnation at the final Judgment. The Baptist have no preaching now, & many of them were out & the house was very full. There has not been a death in Ch. before for about two yrs. & I think not more than 4 in town; But how many may be called before this yr closes. We cannot tell. O that we may all stand watching & be ready at the call of our Saviour & those that dying shall & rise by grace in Christ Jesus to see a heavenly day. I wish I could tell you the Savior had submitted to Christ. I think he will soon. It

seems as tho he must. Are there any conversions with you now? It seems as tho. Winter ought to be the blossoming & fruiting time of christians. I love to think tho. there are very many of God's poor, humble, lowly, lonely, hidden ones, whom he is watching over, & causing to take deep root in Christ, & whom he will hereafter raise to his heavenly kingdom to shine as stars of the first magnitude.

Dec. 15. Your father came to Concord & came alone on the stage. Had some trifle (present from Miss Barker) to buy (x pay) we are not to look it when your father is here, that I can just put as much as I wish on a tin plate & place it in the oven & it is all ready, unless it is like father cake, yesterday was remarkable for presents. Mrs. Lakeman 3 qts of new milk, Mr. Hosea Hosmer, 1 cheese (16 lbs) from Capt. Tinson's. Mrs. John Ray is very sick. Your father call'd there yesterday not expecting to see him, but, he requested that he might come in. He could speak only in a very low whisper, seemed very serious & desired it to have your father call again. & that he may be led to see himself a sinner, & look to the hands of God by faith. that if he lives, he

may live in readiness of life & if he
dies, be prepared for heaven.
16th Mrs W. Raymond is very low;
tis not expected she will live but
a short time. She is very happy. Your
father said it was very pleasant to
visit one in her submissive
state of mind. I wish I could write
something to interest you
dear, but, I am not in the humor
now. Adieu.
Your Aff. Mother.

16. This is the day of the execution
of the conspirators at Charlestown.
One this, (2 o'clock, P.M.) they have
probably, either perished or
are just now launched into
the eternal world. This
affair at Harper's Ferry seems
to have put the whole South
especially Virginia, whose in-
habitants seem to be almost
in a panic as if they were
rocked by an earthquake, as
succeeded by volcanic fires.

Brown's cause in the attack which cost him his life, appeared very strange, and unaccountable, except on the supposition that his sympathizers were so wrought up, that reason was left its throne, & he was left to follow the impulse of feeling, under the partial direction of what he esteemed duty. Such, after all, Brown was as to common sense, truthful, honest, self-denying, & ready to die for others good. Of his conduct in any way inconsistent with this character, in the trying hour when called to look death in the face, was unwarranted; & I trust he has gone to a better world, where there are no slaves to be emancipated, either from the cruelty of man or the fetters of sin. I have no doubt their effort will be a powerful, moral agent that Brown will have contributed more to, his death, than any thing else, & than it would be possible for him to do living. We are quite comfortable as to health, & well. Love from Sister Thos

Bangor, Dec. 13. 1859.

My dear Sister Nettie;

Your letter was in abundant season, & in compliance with your request, I have this very morning committed the deed. And now such as it is - you shall have: tis not a very ornamental picture but it may serve to tell you how I look. I send two - for I promised Jennie one before she left Dunbarton. You may take your choice - or cast lots wh. each shall have. I have them put up in cases - for I think they will suit you better - & so small are they. That Elisb will not I think be troubled with them.

You write "they tell us in a letter fr. B. that you went out to Sedhan to be thankful!" & then you add "you will tell me more about it - wont you?" Well I will. I have not been ignorant that you have twice before this invited me to tell you this matter - but it has been surrounded with so many uncertainties.

that I have chosen to keep it to myself; & it still is - & I should not now say anything about it by letter - were it not for your importunity, & I feel that I cannot deny you longer.

You know, my sister - something of my past history, & I do not feel so promoted & communicative on these subjects as I once did. I feel like keeping all things secret; yet so it is, that no movement can be made in this direction but somebody will know it, & what is their everlasting habit - will report it, for & hear. It is really more attended to by other people than by myself.

But this much I will communicate to you and as it comes to me you may depend upon it. Fannie Wells pleases me. I love her & love to visit her. What she thinks of me is more than I can tell you - But my joy is this - she has not yet refused to see me. Until she does

I shall seek her society. What the result may be I cannot tell, but Jean does not trouble me. She is more than worthy - I am less. Should she at length refuse me I could not murmur. She is far my superior - Therefore I love her.

I have told you all. If Dad approves the result will be in the line of my desires: if not, I pray to be disappointed. Sometime you may see & know her. But all is uncertain. Yet as I said, all is to encourage me, & I have nothing to fear.

I am glad Jennie is so pleasantly situated. I think she is a worthy lady. I would love to spend an evening with you very much & kiss the children a few times, &c.

I am very busy now & you must excuse a longer letter. Much love to you & Isaac & all the family —

Your bro.

George.

Dunbarton, Jan. 26, 59.

Dear Children,

I am going to write all the news, & I will write a little about our Lyceum. I did not think much of it when it commenced, but now I like it & have become quite interesting, & I have attended the two last meetings, & at the first meeting of my attendance I read a piece that nearly split the house with laughing. Some of the pieces were read by the children. Alvin Burnham & Marian Emerson spoke at the first meeting, & I read a piece.

they were all, especially Miss Burnham, well
voice in much superiority to that of Miss Jameson. The
disputants on the question
for the hall, were Col. Hammond, Dan Burnham, Henry Putney, Jr. & James Lamson. Samuel Burnham, the
two minute age man, admirably spoke better than
I had ever seen him before. But the
glory of the occasion
was in the Speeches of the
young men — both gentlemen & Dartmouth College. Putney, one year in advance of Burnham. Putney's speech first & quite entertaining with his
command of language, &
skill in managing a debate.
His speech also became

honour to a man that had
spent his days, & intended in his
profession. He had all the
coolness & self possession
of an old man, & enriched
his arguments with an
amount of historical el-
egance, which rarely in
the juvenile days of Mr de-
velopment "Then the
Summer will have to begin,
& thought to myself that
any thing which he did
say, would shew no the
small compared with the
speech of Sidney. But no
sooner did he rise, & utter
two or three sentences, than
all fears of his not fulfil-
ing my high hopes. His ob-
servations were
his manner was altogether
superior to that of Sidney,
& his arguments all e-
qual. I was taken alto-

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getting by Sanpunish, we were having demanded that Sam. should guard against such plagues as he had the tail-lizard, spring lizards, and a mattock of Saul, which Sul-pey lacked.

The second meeting we attended was last Sunday evening. Neither of the young people spoke in the meeting, but they read both passages, after which we were dismissed to our seats. The regular Christmas meeting being omitted. Again their speeches were the theme of the meeting. Both magnified the privilege of being chosen as delegates, and both confessed that the responsibility was greater than they had anticipated. The effect of the speeches was increased by the presence of Henry Cadwell, who spoke with great power to the young men.

[illegible] children,

[illegible]

[illegible] letters [illegible] Lizzie & Agatha Hinman. All [illegible] well. [illegible] heard a nice sermon to us. We [illegible] and again I say, rejoice & how can we help obeying it!

Sabbath - at every severe storm - here - and what perils must there be upon the great & wide & deep waters! This must reach I. think from Bangor to Elyria The places while our children are in them. Your father had about 40 hearers - he that't this forenoon. I saw Miss Emerson & H. Colby go It seemed but just possible for them to reach the door. They will get a Sabbath day's journey nearer heaven - Your father said he thought he never enjoyed preaching to so small an audience so well before. And surely it is enough to animate one to see the people press thro such a storm - some 2 or 3 miles. I have been studying my S. Sch. Lesson on "Thy kingdom come" for two Sabbaths. I love to study this blessed book grow & more [illegible] Now I am going to read a sermon

Dr Boutwell's Historical Discourse
Delivered at the fiftieth anniversa-
ry of the Gen. Assem. of N. Hampshire.
Dec. 25 Perhaps you have had some thing
great this day - greater than usual - as
here, I have not heard Christmas wish-
es except as I shake it myself. The Gover.
Col. Kent & wife, K. Julia Parker were
here at meeting. The Gov. staid with
in two degrees of zero this morning.
I have come to before H. K. [illegible]
to meeting all the services. Your father
preached to parents from the 24. Ch. K
to young men this P.M. Same - sp
pears very serious; but, I fear, de-
ferring - putting off - & that he would de-
cide now. That as for him he must
serve the Lord.
Have a good letter from
Susie a few days since: all friends
well as usual. Lucy Ann & she wrote
me to teach their district in the
vacation. A letter from Mr Gallison
his family were well, & as much health
better than it was last fall. Elizabeth now
lives at Fall River.
Another mountain. You remem-
ber that H. Putney & Frank were once fel-
scholars, Hetty? They are both members of
Dartmouth Coll. Does it not make you
feel old to think of it. Mrs Calvin Hall has
prepared us all to sit up most of the time
In addition to what your father has said
of Henry C. he is over six feet high. If the
young men would devote themselves to
Jesus it would be well with them & their

My dear Bro. Isaac:

I received your letter while at Bangor & was very glad to learn that Hettie was at home — and can now very glad to be home with her. I arrived last night. Our anniversary exercises went off in very good style. We had only 8 speakers so the exercises were shorter than usual, & better on that account. I will send you one of the "Orders" — Suppose Hettie has written all the news. Am expecting great pleasure in her company —

Your bro

George

My dear sister:- Your letter came to day- half sheet to me. 'Tis quite a catechism- minus the answers- wh. I will now supply.

I have never done such a thing in my life as to preach fr. the text, "Never man spake like this man." I should be very happy- should I ever write fr. it- to have you for a listener to the production-.

I have not formed many acquaintances in Bangor; a few good ones, is all.

That very "original, eccentric character Uncle Nat Norton," I know. I think he is as original in his looks, as any other way. Mr. Shepard's family I also know. Holch'd Tompson- I know nothing of. Mr. Wells- formerly the city Missionary- I believe has now left, & there are two others appointed to supply his place.

That daughter whose pretty face & "independent tread" pleased you

so much - doubtless is with him. I met her once at a party at Prof. Shepard's, & again at Libb's. I know a great many people there, as you do i.e. know their names & faces, as to singing - I do but very little at it, except once in a while when I get alone with Hattie Tebbill, then I sometimes sing to her.

As to the visit at Westboro Herbert & Jennie - being present, can tell you more than I can write.

I now do all sorts of work: trim trees - make moss wreaths - pick apples - make beds - sweep rooms help get the meals - preach every chance I get, & fulfill all Father's appointments - when he is unable. I am "Jack-at-all-trades" & pack horse for everybody. Your beloved brother —

George.

Constantia Jan 1st 1860.

My Dear children,

I closed a letter to Herbert & Jenny last Sun. and now it seems as tho. I must begin one to you. I am so strong that I do not often lie down in the day, & sleep pretty comfortably night. For a time after I commenced going to church & staying all day my good friends who come to speak to me, & a few words would tire me very much, but now I can bear to have a number come & fill up all the time without being troubled. I believe I have 7 or eight unanswered letters, & think I must undertake to settle up them accounts. I call my friends very benevolent to write me very much letters - for what they get in return. And, now dear Isaac, will you not gain this commendy, & as you are so benevolent in other things - See that you abound in this also. & give such simple ones as we are, a few words, on which we can have a reply. What do you think Herbert & Jenny are going to do? Follow the footsteps of Sir? Will not this year

bring forth great events? But
what their characters will be, who
can tell? I know every thing is
safe in the hands of our Heavenly
King of Kings & Lord of Lords.
Is there special pr. meeting
with you for our country?
2d Your father started for Concord this morn
4 or 5 below zero - about down to it at
noon 3 above, now 2 o'clock. The wind
blows & the snow flies furiously. I shd
think it the worst day to be out we have
had this winter. I expect somebody will
have to shovel up the hill before he
can get home. Yesterday the cold
in the morn. it moderated fast after
the sun rose, & was a fine time to
attend meeting, We were thankful for
that. Our pr. meeting is to be tomorrow
A letter rec'd a few days since says
Hannah Marshall is failing fast.
6th Within a few minutes, we, and
the friends of Hannah Caldwell,
have learned the sad fact, that
she was taken to the world of
spirits, this forenoon. Her re-
mains are to rest here to night
& pray that this, bereavement may
be sanctified to Horace & to all
the connections, and to the young
people; to us all. She prepared
our precious Mayo & Willy, for
the grave, little thinking, that she

so soon, will be placed in the same enclosure, cold & silent in death. May this death be properly noticed by you my dear daughter, and so improved as to help you forward more rapidly in the way of holiness. Mrs C— had left a little daughter a few days old.

7th Eliza Dowis (once Stearns) Young est daughter died of putrid sore throat— funeral at Concord—but, the remains lodged in their cold narrow house, here.

While I am writing—your father is preparing a funeral sermon for tomorrow P.M. when Mrs Hannah Caldwell is to be interred.

8th The solemn affecting scene is over— The body of your early friend your childhood associate, is resting in its cold bed. Mary Abby—Frank & Lissa Sarah gone, were here to mingle their tears with those who wept. Hannahs father, tho. deeply afflicted, because he had no evidence of her preparation for death. Yet, he remarked—he supposed he ought to be equally submissive, to the will of God. David & his wife were present. Choate & Seth were not. They are in Vt.

Do you observe the season of pr. & holy convocation, proposed to commence today & continue 8 days

9th Horace C. just called on us, he appears well. He is going to take Olive back with him tomorrow & continue to keep house.

Samuel, Think, he shall gain more important information. This winter, here, in the Lyceums, & other ways, than he should on a year at College.

10th You will know this is Mother's letter by the blot.

Your father is going to cast out Col. Johnson's wife — We expect she will live but a short time.

Darius — Jan. Marie Good bye with love to all.

Your ever loving Mother.

Bangor. Jan. 16. 1860.

My dear Sister Nettie;—

I chanced to run into Elisha's last week Thursday eve— I found that He reached home the Saturday previous— I brought a letter for you.

Altho' I have called there twice I have not yet seen him. Was very glad to get your letter, fragrant—not only with Geranium leaves—but with a Sister's love. Doubtless I should love to see you as much as you would me. but I must echo your query— When will it be? I do not know—nor do I think much about it now. While it is among the impossibles I will let it alone. I do not think it would take even you—very long to get acquainted with me, for I go about so much among strangers that I am getting to be quite sociable. For example, I go out to preach—stop at the house of a stranger—meet there a fine young lady—before Monday morning—we are well

acquainted. I say very much what I please to her - & she to me - & so far as I can judge - we are both suited with it. I tell all the stories I can think of & she - with the rest of the family (always included, of course) laugh at it. 'Tis a question I suppose whether they laugh at my wit at the story - or at my folly. But at any rate we past a pleasant social time - & they ask me to come again - if I ever should be seen in the town again - for all of wh. I thank them - make my bow seize my carpet bag (wh. by the way is a very pretty one - as Aunt Mattie says) & start for the depot. This is just what I did between last Saturday night & this very morning, at Upper Stillwater.

Hattie Dewitt say I am the funniest Minister that ever she saw. Is not that a compliment? Well I expect I am. It is quite uncertain whether I ever make any thing

or not. The mothers like me quite well - but that is because I take so much notice of the children - I kiss all the little ones - hold them in my arms rock them to sleep - &c. &c. - & to the grown up ones I am just as polite as I can put on.

I hope you will excuse me for writing so much Ego in this letter - but I feel about simple enough to night to write just such twaddle. If this does not suit - please tell me about it when you write, & I will get up a new style for the next time more ministerial - I might here remark that the style of this letter is hardly the one I adopt in the pulpit - perhaps you would judge this for yourself.

The post man has just come and left me a letter fr. Home. Mother & Mother well: it brings the news of the death of Horace Coldwell's wife - & Lizzie (Stearns) Dow's youngest child.

I must close – for this week I have much to do. Much love to you all – should like to hear fr. Dennie by & by When convenient

Your bro Geoff.

Dearborn Jan. 22 - 1860.

Dear Children.

Poor afflicted Horrace feels as tho. he could not live in Boston without Hannah, and wishes to come home. Mrs Caldwell went to see him last week & has brot the babe here. Mr Enoch Marshall's child, only son, & only child died the Morn. with scarlet fever - You will know how to sympathise with these young parents. Hannah was living - but failing gradually, said a letter to the friends, which came by the last mail. You see in the papers, I suppose all that we do, in reference to the terrible calamity at Lawrence. How many hearts are bleeding all over the land! O that it may be a sanctified affliction to All. He who has suffered this cause for weeping - can "bind up the broken hearts - & wipe all tears away!"

How long did Mary L - stay with you! She is a good girl, is she not. Dea P - spent an hour or more, with us last eve. He brot his two daughters up to attend a singing meeting - & brot us a great can of milk. So the week has begun. Milk, Monday - today, a fee - from Mrs Brigham. Hoping for a line from you, in an hour

* Enclosed in the envelope of Rev Mr Morgan's letter.

25. Your father has been to attend the funeral of Little Benj. H. He says he does not know that he ever saw any one borne down under bereavement as his mother is. I hope she will look to God & find support. Your father on his way back call'd to see Mrs Stinson, who is now unable to speak. & suffers for breath exceedingly. She has said scarcely anything about dying. She told your father some 10 days ago, that she would try to give herself to Jesus - but, added something seems to keep me back. We must commit her to her Maker. To me, she has been a kind friend. & I shall miss her.

Margaret Allison has just call'd as he & Mrs French & Mary Herbert. rode out to Mr Brigham's. & Mary ann always runs in here. I love to see her. & all other friends, but it is a hard for me to talk much. She desired to be remembered to you Kitty, She said they enjoyed the week of prayer very much. One conversion in connection with the meetings, they thought. I feel more unwell to day than usual. Pray for me that I may have patience, as I need.

Mother.

Jan. 26. Dear Children. Your
mother, as usual, has given an
account without a word of, or
seeing events here, as, far or to
the close of her letter. But
today, a call the event has occur-
red. The tolling
of the bell, that announces Sister
Sarah, (wife of Bro. John,) has left
us for the Spirit world. She
was a woman of warm sympa-
thetic heart & the milk of
human kindness, & ever ready
to do kindnesses to her fellow
beings. Whether she was pre-
pared to enter the society, &
engage in the employments &
services of the glorified, - but
must leave with Him who
knoweth all things.
Time is telling heavily, with
the dead & dying quickly, & soon

...not what it used to be. Poor ...
I fear not how soon, — we must
receive the summons. But
we have comfort, in readiness
and do with those might, what-
soever our hands find to do for
God & his cause.

Dear mother is well to-
-day than she was yesterday.
She seems to be subject to ill
turns, for which we know of
no particular cause. But she
thinks she has more strength
than she had a few ago. We
get along quite comfortably
here in the study — just tak-
ing care of ourselves. Sleeping,
having company & writing
&c, &c, but nothing more
worth telling. My general
health is quite as good
as usual.

Tuesday Evening. Tennie
& Helen have been to ...
to enjoy social time. Mrs
Hazeltine & Mrs Whitcher
...

evening. Just his to drawing. Must go to bed warming. Then to fix my & things all to be ready to be off. Dear Nettie I scarcely know where to begin to tell you how much I enjoyed your visit. It was more than I could have hoped for. I was sorry to see you go away without seeing you. Mother

You have really had something new in your state. 4th When I wrote the first sentence here, I thought this visiting of legislatures originated in your State. & that the first invitation was from your legislative body. Today I had further information - Yet Ohio was first to invite the South to come North. It was really a splendid affair. Did not you Isaac go to see & mix with that great company?

I should think if Kentuckians had any shame in them it would redden or pale their faces to think of the want of protection & banishment of their noble citizens.

Dear Nettie I felt weary when I closed my last to you & forgot to tell you that the new years present came safely & like the neat collars. I seldom have a present - but this week I had a dozen pancakes from Mrs Brigham. Not one bit of meat this Winter - nor anything else, but Milk from Mrs. Parker, twice.

I suppose the people think, only two of them - they need nothing this Govt. But we never lived better & I work at the table better I believe than any where.

5th Last eve I had but just commenced writing, when I felt strangely: diz: faint & sick - & went on to the sofa - I vomited several times but threw up nothing but a little sour matter - but I slept little if any in the night - & do not go to Ch to day. Your father read of Mr Worths imprisonment & happiness in suffering for Jesus' sake. & of some of the banished being at Cleavland & one in N Ca Govt. They will no doubt find employment & be useful. & I hope as submissive & happy as Mr Worth.

9th Your father call'd to see Mrs Raymond Yesterday. He found her as comfortable, & nearly as strong as she was several weeks ago. Her principal disease is falling of the bowels - not consumption she says. She suffers best little when lying down & think my complaint is much like hers, tho. not so she has more general debility - but without a bad cough or liver complaint - wh. I have. I think she may live a good while -

Where is Rosa? Is she with Dr D. Mitchell? I do not know where to write to her.

& possibly be raised up again. Old Mrs Raymond told your father she had property enough, left her by her good Aunt so that she need not want for help or anything else to make her comfortable.

Yesterday Eliza Carter made us a very pleasant visit, she has greatly improved the past year - I shewed her the collar you sent me, & after saying, it was very neat, she said I will take it home & finish it round the neck, if you will like to have me. I told her it will be a great favor. She had one on, wh. was worked button hole stitch, & looked strong & nice. She is really a very fine sewer.

This forenoon, Sarah Jane called. & this P.M. when your father went to the Post Office, I rode to Mr Caldwells & saw the baby - It was but three weeks ago (six weeks old tomorrow) It appears well & promising - Hannah is the name. Poor Horace, says he tries to feel reconciled - but it seems very difficult for him to be so,

Mrs. Burton has moved to Andrews Prairie for her home. Elsey will go to Johns & help take care of the twin babies. The house & farm will be sold we hope to good people.

17th Eliza C. came home with my collar this forenoon. And your letter came & one fr. Geo. Your father came in from the P.O. Office, & said he had to pay postage on

Dearest Mattie, I received your letter, & was very glad to hear from you, & to know that you were well & enjoying yourself. I was very sorry that you were sick, but hope you will not be sick any more. I am very well, & enjoying myself very much. I have been to see Mrs. Caldwell's baby, it is very pretty. I have been to see Mrs. Burton, she is going to move to Andrews Prairie. I have been to see Eliza Carter, she is very well. I have been to see Sarah Jane, she is very well. I have been to see Mrs. Raymond, she is very well. I have been to see Mrs. Burton, she is going to move to Andrews Prairie. I have been to see Eliza Carter, she is very well. I have been to see Sarah Jane, she is very well. I have been to see Mrs. Raymond, she is very well.

one letter & took down his scales, & weighed the letter, saying "It is too heavy" He then opened it, & almost frightened me, by exclaiming, laughingly, "O! another baby"! For a moment did not think of a picture. We think it very fine. It is here by me still & quiet - & lovely as you say little May is. I rejoice with grandma M. that she has the privilege of watching over her sometimes.

Horace is not here. - The connections all wish to have him remain there. It will be so much better in a pecuniary view - & your father thinks he has concluded to stay through next summer.

As to our living without help as we now do, I hope you will dismiss all fears. We are very comfortable & happy. & if had any woman for help, I suppose we shd have to pay $3.50 at least, & 2.00 for extra fire & board. Wh. we think we c'd spend better in some other way: Good father has got up but once for me since I came in here to live (let 20 ago) & then only stepped to the cupboard & handed me a bottle of medicine to quiet pain. He gets up, now little before 7. & makes fire puts on our coffee pot & tea kettle. & I rise & put on part of my clothes. & put potatoes cooking. then finish dressing. Wash & dress comb & brush. then put on bed clothes, after your pa has done the necessary shaking &

to all loves & kisses. both sweet

To Isaac Nicholson.
Jan. 9, 1860. Some months ago,
dear Nicholson, when in the
height of my excitement, I
hastily addressed you. I do not
think, when I next write you,
I shall address you as my friend.
I think he sometimes expresses himself in very
unbecoming, and, I fear, irreverent
terms of Christ's Godhead, but I do
very much wish, that we could
converse on the subject, he seems
to be in the habit of thinking aloud,
without due consideration. He is an
excellent preacher, and this is
his point. I think he clearly
doctrines, he needs very close
watching. Sin is more from
the text, Heb. 2: 14—18. "Forasmuch
as then as the children are
partakers" &c. "for in that he
himself hath suffered" &c. Inasmuch
as continuity may arise
out of sinlessness, consciousness
of, or ignorance of, some of
the fundamental doctrines
of the Christian religion
respect exceedingly that of the

[illegible] such
[illegible] impressions. I cannot
conceive how the Spirit
of God can be one with
the Spirits of
Christians. The fact
I believe is simply this—
When one is, this moment
in place, [illegible]
[illegible] water
into a bottle. It is in
[illegible] by
[illegible] making him
[illegible]. I am [illegible]
[illegible] in [illegible] with
"Jesus & [illegible]," [illegible]
[illegible]. In all
the accessions [illegible] to
[illegible] in the
[illegible] with
[illegible].

My health is [illegible]
[illegible], & that of [illegible]
as usual. Sorry for the [illegible]
[illegible]. Send [illegible] in
[illegible] & that I shall [illegible]
something with [illegible]. Yours

Lamberton Feb. 13, 1860.

Dear Children: — We certainly feel very much obliged for the image of little baby "May." She looks as if she might be just such a dear, good baby as you represent. We shall take pleasure in showing her picture to our friends. — Can you not, Isaac, in the next letter, favor us, give us a little dish of politics? What do you think of Douglas's success? Is he not one of the most unprincipled demagogues that ever lived? How can men of your mind vote for the nominee of the republicans, or whom you would prefer, — for the next President?

You speak, Nettie, of our being without hats, as being unfashion-

and to [illegible] can think of it. While we are as well as we are now, by putting out washing, & baking, & having little [illegible] to do sweeping, we get along very comfortably — we live so right here, in this warm & pleasant study. Should either of us be sick, we should need help, & I think could pretty readily obtain it now, tho' we could not last fall, when we made the trial.

Since my restoration from my severe sickness (when you were here) I have been able to speak quite as easy, so far as my voice is concerned, & I think a little easier, than I did before, for which I hope I feel truly grateful.

I am glad Geo. Lee Hubbard & family are with you. I wish very much we could see you all.

Father.

Mr. Allen will come to answer my Complaint today, 5 days will do.

Sunday 7-6-26 - 1960

Dearest child.

Here we are, one each side of the Canyon. Sunbathing and a few hours time, I was 66 about 24 hours ago. Not many like how the Lord of this life, [illegible] with many dishes like [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

28th Yesterday was a day of calls. Mrs Willey, Mrs Sessions, Brown & Agnes - Mrs Hoyt & Maryann B. The Singers met at the V. Hall. Mrs W. said Sarah had got tired of teaching & was going to Manchester to work a sewing machine.

2d Your letter dear Nellie, came unexpectedly today, thank you. You would not think me very smart if you saw me in the morning, coughing & raising something - so that it is very difficult to wash & dress myself - for nearly an hour - then some parts of the day I am greatly distressed for breath - Still I am favored by not coughing to distress myself & keep your father awake in the night. I rejoice that your dear Mother M. can walk about from the house of one child to that of another. & lead her little widow by her side. I hope she will live with you to the end of her days. & I believe you will feel it a privilege to do all that is possible for one to do for her comfort. Give my love if you please to her & Mrs. De Witt - I do

not somebody tell me that your husband had fits - when Nothing that they said — & other neighbors think the pictures of our grandchildren, are fine, so do we. This will be the last day of Feb. if it were not for Leap - which says, I claim another day before 1 March:

George has quite a home at Elisha's. perhaps you will hear before this reaches you that he has been there with his Fanny. I believe the more he goes there, the better he likes them.

Do you think any of coming east this year? Mary Brown says she thinks it time for you to come. I think that there are some who would be more glad to see you — than Mr R.

If I should live to see you & your dear family — it would be very pleasing. & to see you meet Fanny here I should like it — but there is no calculating on any thing with certainty. Uncle H — is to be ordained at East Concord to-

From your own loving Mother

morrow - I have you seen the death of Isaac Eaton who was here with me at school when our Conflict was made? He was married March 1. & happily settled - but only eight months passed, before he was call'd to lay down his arrows, & enter into rest.

Mar. The Thursday mail brought us 27 3d pages; manuscript sheets from East - West & South Dr. Bangor to Nauvoo, Jane & Herbert & Jennie linking them together. Then we had a particular account of Mrs Quincy's last sickness & death - wh. I asked for some months ago. I addressed your Aunt at Hallowell - she has not been able to reply - because of a bad humor in her hands - & what we received now, was from Edwin & Harriet. Very interesting. Sarah. much as usual. Mrs H. feeble. H. is with her. & Mrs Quincy's sister is there, as her Mother requested she might be, now if we may expect to Isaac & you here the present year - I shd wish to have you see this account of Hannah & the letter to Nauvoo. If not

I think I will send Mrs Quincy's letter to Mary, & direct it to Hallowell. Me.

Dumbarton, March 14. '60.

My dear Sister Nettie—

You will not
I suppose expect a letter from me
dated at Dumbarton—You will
wish to know why I am here.
I came home to vote—For
yesterday was our town meeting.
You will be glad to learn
that Dumbarton is again
strongly Republican. We re-
elected our Moderator with
a majority of 40 & gained
in our majorities upon
the others—seven. This is
again one last year of 3
votes in election of Moderator,
We expected to gain a victory
but did not expect so strong
an one, for our town could
do as well. It were good
news for the county & for the
state, & for Lowell—next Democratic
by 14 majority. There has been
some Republican gain—there
since last year—Lowell is
democratic also. But perhaps
this is enough of politics,

I reached home last Saturday evening - left Glasgow the Friday morning previous. Found Father & Mother in comfortable health, & I think has passed a more comfortable winter than we could have expected - not alone as she has been. She has had some ill turns - but on the whole - has been highly favored - She is not now in her best mode. Yesterday was an ill day for her - she was quite unwell, but is quite better to day - I preached for Father on the Sabbath - & it was quite a help to him - as he has had his own pulpit to supply with his in-presence all winter. The people here are much as of old - some changes - by death & otherwise. They seem very glad to see me - & certainly I am to meet them very much.

I expect to go back this week. I shall preach at Wainthorpe, Mr. Outhwaite's both. I do not hear from Dennie. I think I have not since he went to Berlin. Hope I shall ere long. Please tell me if you send me her direction. Ah! I think I would [illegible] yet cannot tell precisely. I heard of the sickness of your baby Miss Mollie. Before your letter reached me. I am glad she was not removed from you. But is still spared for your pleasure & comfort, & I hope she may still be spared to do much good herself. I would love to see them. Charlie & Wilder. Shall if you do you think I am coming on next Summer? Hattie is now trying to get some one to come home & stay with our parents. But it is very difficult. But yet has not succeeded.

if that Lady meant to
say that he lacked good
enough to be a minister —
all right — but if she meant
to say the thing was
immaterial as that word
is commonly used & also
in Webster's Dictionary
of a complement, I doubt
not my long face, however,
has the abominable —
immaterialism behind it,
if, as you say, a long face is
not essential to a minister.
yet nevertheless - it is essential
to your bro. George — But if
I don't have a long faced
man & think I shall go
alone —

Father & son — Mother is
at work with her needle & thread,
Of course they send love —

Your bro.

George

Dunbarton Mar. 25 - 1860.

Dear Children;

I will first say to Master Wilder - That his "grand ma, who lives with his grandpa" studied the hymns he sent to her this morning, so she could repeat them, perhaps she will say them over, when she wakes up in the night - & then she will think about little Wilder & love him.

This is a rough, windy day & I still remain at home.

We received your two fold letter from you & Jennie; & two from Geo. last week all so good, that we did sing joyfully joyfully" Sabbath I went to meeting (walked) ½ first th - This forenoon - I have been on the bed most of the time since - I bore it very well - heard a good sermon on covetousness. Jos. 5 7th 17th first part. A letter from Geo. yesterday said Eliab's children were sick with measles - Geo said he timed little

Lucy awhile - hope they will not be as sick as he was - when he has them.
Monday. We have had Mary Etta Whipple here about two weeks, her father's nephew to Capt W. She is 14 yrs. old - larger a little than I am - not so much but what she can wear my dresses. Her father heard one eve. that we wanted a girl. & the next morning brot her here - & told us we might have her on our own terms, as long as we wanted her, he said she cd wash iron & bake only I must tell her how to do things; We think she is going to do well - If I can well enough - She will go to sch. & now I instruct her in reading spelling & Geography &c. She has been to sch. very little, indeed. She appears very much better in manners & language than most girls do, who have had so few advantages - kind & willing to be told &c. She is quite destitute of clothing. I washed & fixed gennie's old straw bonnet & trimmed it with good ribbon for her - & it looks nice. by wearing some of my clothes till we can get her some she can go to meeting & Sabbath school. Mother

April 2. Dear Children. Sorry to have you speak doubtfully about visiting us this season. Shall be glad to see you all, and hope at least to see some of you. You ask, Nettie, what part of the season we would like to have you visit us? We reply, — at the time we expect George, which will be the last of July. We like very much to have you here together. But we you would come without your husband?

Last week I went to Hopkinton to help Minnie Angier, who had received a call to settle in Dorchester, N.H. She & his people appear to have an prosperously pleasant time.

You ask, dear Nettie, if Lottie Six by six years, (the number of years I have lived,) seem long? When

Love to all

I look back upon them, and consider the multitude of scenes through which I have passed, it does seem a considerable long time,— having been three times settled in the ministry, and three times removed [blen] left children, after having had children. Still I do not feel very old. Generally I have a good flow of spirits, & enjoy life very well. I am sensible, however, that my work is nearly done. My ministry, I know, must soon close. You must not be surprised at any time, to hear that I have finished my ministerial course, but I leave it for your prayers [sayers] to say, that, when the time shall come for me to step into eternity, I may be enabled to say with the apostle— "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, shall give me at that day."

I am in usual health.

Yours,

Dunbarton Ms. 28 '60.

Dear Children,

I have been trying visiting this week; have been to Capt. Whipple's - John Ireland's & other. All but & this eve. feel well, for me.

Fred had a letter from Geo. telling us of his pleasant stay at St. Stevens and an interesting call of one day at Ma Chias - on my old friends, 40 yrs since I left there, He says they were very attentive to him & wished him to spend some weeks there.

May 1st Little Marion's birth day. May she be sealed as an heir of heaven. 'Tis a cloudy damp day here, not very pleasant for rambling the fields & woods - I had one May flower given me two weeks since, have seen one or two others. May 2d. Mrs Brigham has call'd, brought a bunch of May flowers, & sends love to you & Jemie. She said Fanny Rowell had call'd here twice, when we were gone, with a bouquet for me. I am thankful for any little kindness. I have so many great blessings constantly coming down from the fathers of mercies - that I desire to sing of mercy forever. Yesterday we rec'd some cards from Hattie & Brigham Young. We suppose I was Martha - I. did not know that she were to have a mock

the name - & this altering of names, as Molly for Maria, & Mattie for Martha &c I do dislike - Well, I seems we have become a <u>King</u>, but where the neighbors, we can not read to U you - for there was no allusion to town & not a letter by which we could decipher from what Post Office it came. I think I shall write to U for information. & then let you know.

I have just been examining a sprig leaved branch of Catmint. The leaves are really very beautiful! Indeed what do we see in God's works that are not so. The Maples just begin to show <u>spring</u> but the scarlet has looked for some weeks as tho. it were all in full flossom. Isaac, it refreshes me to look at it.

We have some early potatoes planted & your father says he had rather buy all the vegitables we want - than to hire anybody to take care of a garden; but he allows me to have a few hills of tomatoes.

I have felt weak & some pain & distress - for several days - tho. I keep about. Our Mary has been home more than two weeks - we have been expecting she would be back, for a week past. Ah to give you to U. We have been thinking of leaving home the 15th of June for that purpose; but I feel but little courage to go. Love to all Yours &c Mother

May 2. I can't believe. There is
bright, beautiful May morning, that
we are almost sorry to see it, it has
been so long since we have had any
rain. It is growing [illegible] very dusty,
and we shd. really like to see black
clouds, & copious showers.

I am sorry, Nellie, the Knox Grove will
settle immediately upon winding
up Stuart's. I think he has no fear
about it, but will cast himself upon
the tender mercies of Providence. I think
it would be my choice not
to sell immediately, but I may
think it best. Saturday I can
learn, he is much like Cheney
to keep, & run to extortion. I have
it, I think, as it may stand to the
last dollar in his mortgage. He
says I shall in the meantime, &
time there is no hurry, endorse
at his discretion. I think he

could not preach as he came prepared with [illegible] could have done as well as spending the most time without reflection, in the [illegible] he may seem to pity himself. Another reason. I cannot see how he could be well in at home, I mean, as a rule, but in short time, unless he has remarkable preaching to do in the immediate neighborhood. We may expect him, may we not, in July. The commencement at Bangor is the last week in July, & we suppose. You will come home then, & nothing special prevents, & we want you here together.

What do you mean, Isaac, about G.'s coming to Bath to preach? Did you speak in jest, earnest, or [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Bangor, May 8th. 1860.

My dear Lister Nettie;—

I was very glad to receive a letter fr. you a few days since & should have answered it sooner had I been at home— I returned last night again & will now attend to it. The Business part of it relates to the question whether I will or not go to Elyria this Summer. I answer, I shall be very happy to go: & I do not know as it will make any difference with me whether I go out & accompany you on, or whether I return with you. It would make some difference perhaps with you because it would change the time of

your visit home. Should you be at home when I am, you would come be there in August. Should I go to Elyria & make a visit there & you return with me. Your visit would be as much later in the season as time I spent with you. I am rather of the opinion that you better come on at your own time. & let me return with you. Then if I wish to stay west, I can do so.

Where ever I may settle I should like to take this trip first.

You speak of Hopkinton. I cannot yet feel that it is my duty to go there. I have rather felt for some years

that it would be best that I should go. I have however committed the whole matter to God. & I trust I am willing to stand where he places me. If Hopkinton is the place there I shall go & go cheerfully. It does not seem so yet.

I have lately spent three Sabbaths at St. Stephen, New Brunswick, wh. I enjoyed very much.

You may give my love, if you please to Hattie Dewitt - in return for hers. I had expected to see her again before she started. Also give my love to Jennie - & ask her to tell me how I shall direct a letter to her.

My Hannie is well - except her weak eyes. She is to teach a short school this summer in Orington. I wish you could

form her acquaintance,
I love her, & expect you
would. I am going to preach
at Hopkinton the last Sabbath
of this month & the first in
next.

I am 25 years old this very
day —

Your bro.

George —

Eleanor. Tell Lucy. Mrs.
Hall your little Niece is
so unwell. Mrs Endicott
Lucy and their gums with
honey three or four times
a day - it will
reduce the inflammation.
Wash it gently to cut
teeth. I presume all the
Girls this year are sweet
pleasant company - I
hope you will both be
able to come East. I
want to see you here
very much. Should you
not come this year
uncertain whether you
go West or not.
Love to Lucy & Mrs
Hall. Mrs Endicott
may [illegible] this summer

impossible & it may be difficult for me to change this out & go to Ohio this season with the limited means I now have,

I return to Bangor next week & in a few months shall close up my school there, when I shall go there to labor in my profession. I do not know. Much love to you all & remember each of the children will write to Jennie & me soon.

Yours &c.

Mary.

Jamestown, May 29, '60.

Dear Children:-

This is a very beautiful morning, after having cloudy, wet weather a fortnight or so for several days. We are all in usual health. George is shaving his mustache, or, instead of shaving it off is trimming it, and he looks very pleasant. I think they will take strong hold of him at W., - and, if it is [illegible] will hold him; - a matter which I feel entirely willing to submit to the Divine direction, and I think George is cordially disposed to follow the leadings of Providence. He said certainly feel very grateful to our

heavenly Father should be pleased to remove us, so that we can see him often in our dear Savior. But we cannot decide. We know that God will do all things well; & in his sovereignty we rejoice. — We most earnestly hope, Nellie, that you will come this summer. May the little one be restored, so that you can leave it without anxiety. We shall keep hoping that you shall see it, till it is decided that we cannot.

Do you think of joy for Lincoln & Hamlin, Isaac, at a candidacy? I think, considering all the circumstances, a better nomination could not possibly be made. Both of the candidates, I believe to be thoroughly anti-slavery,

& right in respect to national policy; & perhaps on reasons, will be more sure of our election. I should have preferred Chase, to Seward, for President. Seward, if I mistake not, has a spice of ambitiousness, & crime on his judgment (sinne is). In his great speech, recently pronounced in the Senate — which was evidently a bid for the Presidency, he called the Slave states capital States, which looks to me like paying a most pitiful & treasonable court to slaveholders. Much more for the

Dover May 29 '68.

My Dear Children,

Geo. has mentioned seeing Lorey on the gums to relieve suffering while teething. Others think much of pricking thro. the skin so as to bleed a little. Mrs Burnham thinks journeying might be beneficial. Could you not take a short journey. Perhaps go to Dr. Dellan's in Putnam & see cousin Elizbeth. This is a beautiful morn. & I am going to call on Mrs Beck, who arrived at her father's last Saturday, to stay one week. I feel a little tired this morn. but pretty comfortable.

Love to all, all enquiring friends. Take all your father & he have said as from me too.

Your Aff. ole Mother.

Dunbarton June 23d 1866.

Dear Children,

We reached home from Westboro. Yesterday at about 5 P.M. very tired, but slept well last night. I feel a little dizzy today, but think I shall feel better when I get rested. We visited all my bro's & sisters in W— & Mr Paine & Hannah came & spent two days - we sisters, with our husbands all took tea with Sister Pond It was a precious interview to us.

My bro's & sisters all have delightful situations - greatly beautified with shrubs & flowers - There is a strong prospect that Abby will before long be married to Mr. Fletcher son, of the State R. School (Superintendent.) People speak of him as a first rate man. Martha married Mr King, a lawyer & lives in Barnstable. Ms. Lucy Gale's school closes, & is to be examined today.

Susie has been sick with fever, but was able to sit up perhaps 15 minutes, when we left. Maria looks very frail - Other friends well - especially Sister Dana, I call her well - Merrick now lives in Providence & David's Elizabeth in Fall River -

I hope Geo. will be able to go to see

you the coming Fall - several old brothers, when I told them how your baby was said nothing would be too good for her as to journey with her, but you did not take so long a journey without some one to help you. Perhaps, Isaac will find his work so forward that he will conclude to come. We should be exceeding glad to see you, but do not wish you to do anything that will be an injury to your health. I know it is hard for a mother to take children on a journey & hard to leave them at home, to go herself. Thank you for being so good to write. Love to your Mother & little boys & kiss baby. A. G. your Mother.

Bangor, July 4. 1860

My dear Libbie Nettie;

Was very glad to get a letter fr. you - but was sorry to learn of the sickness of your family. I do wish you could visit Dunbarton this season. If you do not I cannot yet tell what I can do. I thank you for your generous offer, to aid me in money matters. Should I visit you I should find it necessary to avail myself of your kindness, tho' I should like it very much if I had money enough.

Hopkinton people have given me a call to settle at $600.00. Have not yet answered

them. People of Yarmouth this State want me also for a salary of $800,00 or $1000,00.

Do not yet know what shall do. Hard to know always just what is duty.

Three weeks Fri. to day I graduate. Am now busy preparing my piece on this subject — "Patient Thought".

My Fannie, I think is very careful of her health & of her eyes. Do not think they are any worse for her teaching. I suppose she went home to day to a celebration in Dedham.

I was so busy I could not go. I wish you could see her & form her acquaintance. One reason why I do not want to go west this year is that I cannot take her with me. If every thing seems to favor it however, I think I shall try & visit you.

Last letter from home - Mother was not quite so well. I think she feels she has not long to live - I hope, my dear sister, we shall be as ready & as well prepared to give her up, as she is to go. Give my love to Jennie & keep a good lot yourself -

Your bro.

George

Dunbarton Aug 16 —— [60.

(I left D. Aug. 14. the last time I saw my mother)

My Dear Nettie, Perhaps you knew I was not well as usual Tuesday, but I do not know whether I mentioned it. Wednesday, (yesterday) I had rather a sick day & feel weak today, but not greatly distressed as Wednesday.

Hannah Colby is here today mending Geo's Coat.

Cressie has cleaned up the two rooms you & G. occupied & picked two qts blackberries. She said she liked you very much. You seemed like a sister. Mrs Brown also spoke to your father of you in very affectionate terms. Said she always loved you.

We have just rec'd a very affectionate letter from Jennie & H. Well as usual. Another from Mrs Barstow. In wh. she expresses pleasure that Lu & Burges is coming here. Mr & Mrs Hatch are expecting all their children & grandchildren to visit them about this time. Good bye for the present.

17 another beautiful morning. I am better — H. C. here today, too. I think you will be riding & enjoying a great deal with good friends today. & I hope you will gain strength. I shd like to be with you. We think of calling on Mrs Rogers.

P.M. We call'd. Mrs R. has been nearly sick for a day or two — working too hard is some better. To day. H. S. has been mending Geo.'s two coats — just finished. I felt better for my ride — your father was no worse — gaining a little I think. 18th We rode to Mr E. Pages. Mrs Stearns said she shd have been very happy to have seen you. There we saw two widows & one old maid. Then we called on The Misses Alexander where were three maiden sisters & one widow, Mrs Sargeant. All appeared very friendly.

Thursday, Charlotte Stark & Mary call'd brot Lamb — worth $10. & a billet to me from Harriet with $4.00 in it. Charlotte was very sorry they had not seen you; & I really felt bad that you did not call.

Crissie will stay till Oct. if we desire it. So we think Sarah B. better not come till Geo. returns & come in company with him. You will see her or her mother & tell them all. Please tell what Lucy thinks of the matters.

Dumbarton Aug 27 — '68

My Dear Nettie,

We do hope to hear from you & Ged. from your own dear home, tomorrow. Sarah came yesterday. We had a line telling us she would be here just about the time she reached the depot. Your father had been to Concord with Frank P. & before he got there was taken with blindness - but, he did not have a severe headache, as usual. He got here before D. to go for her - He has found a way to get here, with one of the Farnsworths. They had rode a mile or two - when Bond met them & took Sarah & baggage, by paying 25 cts. I do not expect she will do a great deal of work. She has not much sense of propriety, but she is very good-quick neat - pleasant &c. I cannot tell what Sarah will be yet - I have them both, today - C. has picked 4 qt. of black berries - Noble ones. They have ripened - & now, ½ 5 o'clock D. has gone to ride

horse back. He has rode once be
fore on our horse. & your father is
delighted. He says the horse is excel
ent - easy - & good - he went up the
hill cantering - will leave us tonight.
31. Well Sarah is doing the work
the 2d day. She is very slow - but
I can be patient - I should not
think she will really be worth
~~more than Ann~~ wh. Crissie was:
but, she may improve - She reads
well, & is willing to read loud, tho.
not very. Your father wishes her
to read louder & slower.

Your letter came filled with
good news Yesterday. Oh! how
thankful we are dettie that you
have been to see us, & had so com-
fortable a journey. We believe
it will be reflected upon here-
after with pleasure & profit, by
us & You. Do you give dear little
May any thing to warm her stom-
ach? I have been thinking whether
ginger tea would not be good for
her - as it is for me - mostly milk &
crust her bread in it.

Dan was here a week, but Frank

went to Boston to attend the "American Teacher's Institute" She took the time allotted to visit Goffstown & Dunbarton so we had her here but one day - Tomorrow she will go to Worcester & next week commence teaching. She is a fine reader - excellent. I wish Geo. & Sam. were as good. Sarah sings - can play & sing some she has a sweet voice. & I shall enjoy her reading.

Your father preached twice last Sabbath - & without any special injury - & Thursday he preached Preparatory Lecture - & that he spoke easier than he had before - he is quite encouraged in hope of continuing his labors some longer -

I am about the same some days better, & then worse again - sick today. If I go to meeting I shall have a chill - & then I am sick for a week - Your letter & Geo. Sister & Your letter & Geo. pleased your father - I shall

have no one to blame but myself. Between sunset & dark —

A great deal of Love to all & each one interested in us —

Yours ever loving

Mother

Dunbarton Sept 7— 1862.

My Dear Children;

Yes, all of you at Elyria,. We enter in to all your enjoyments, & joy with you. Oh how I should have loved to go to Oberlin with you; If you see Mr & Mrs Dascomb—give my love to her & tell her it almost seems as tho. I had seen her. & enjoyed one of our old fashioned interviews. Sweet indeed—they were, I believe always knitting us closer to eachother, & closer to heaven.

Old Mr Ayre died yesterday P.M. (Sept 6th) Today your father went to attend the funeral. I rode with him to Mr D— Jameson's saw Mrs D— Mrs Jas. & Mrs Ben. She look as tho. she might be near 30 yrs old. I invited her to attend meeting—told her she would find pleasant co. in a class of young married women. I hope she will go & induce her husband to.

Mrs French & Marian Allison call'd here this P.M. They desired much love to you all—& Geo. & told what a pleasant time they had with you—Sarah has made some nice doughnuts to day.

8. This is your Uncle Elmer's birth day. 62. I believe. Raing last night & this morning. I have been thinking about this long visit of our dear children, all together, I know it will be very

pleasant; & I hope it will be so good that you all will reflect upon it with satisfaction to the end of life. Before you, Geo. leave, I hope you, children, from Isaac's house, will go in with Herbert & Jennie & have a brotherly & sisterly interview & commend each other to the grace of God. The blessing of your parents be upon you.

10th Yesterday was raining until 2 o'clock It cleared very bright, & we had the S. S. Concert. Your father succeeded well in his services. I went to hear him in the P. M.

Now, Geo. if you go to N. Y. City, remember the Home for the Friendless. Take directions from Nettie's Paper. You are going from Attica to Herbertia, & from there to Dr. De Witts, I suppose this pleasant morning. Then down to the mill to examine things there. Doing & getting all the good you can. Wilder & Carlie trotting about with you.

I wish you had called on Mrs. Ingersol when you were at Oberlin. Will you not, Nettie, next time?

11. Yesterday we went to Doctor Hammond's & took tea. Mary is said she desired very much to see Nettie, but did not.

Now, your Father & Sarah are

about to start for Concord & I want to send this - so I must close up Lastly - Pretty well.

Best wishes for Herbert & Jennie & much love to all the people - A great deal to Isaac, when you write. I suppose he is gone Sarah sends love to Hattie She does very well & reads a good deal to us.

Your affte Mother.

Herbert & Jennie,

Please consider this all filled up full with love & good will -

Francis Neal - pretty little
Bob, Sue 2yrs. old - named
Anna - Cousin Silas home
here as Ray Hole - Smart &
his Business - &c &c -
business good - They say
they are pleased & always
(but can't see anything but
Pennsylvania - Am going out
again this P.M. to
see some more of it -
Will come home tomorrow
morning at 2 o'clock from
Philadelphia -
Good by - Let
Dennie see this - Much love
to her & yourself -
Yours -
Geo S

Dennison Sept 20 60.

Dear Lettie.

Did the children know you when you got home from the East?

Can you decide any better on that undecided subject? Is your health decidedly better? Is little Allen any better? When will Isaac probably return?

Capt Kenniston & family have moved into the North & New part of their house.

24 We rec'd a letter from Geo. after he had been to Pittsburg & N.Y. & now we suppose he has passed as near us as Boston & gone on to Maine - which he now considers his state. It will seem a little sad to have him the last one of our little ones - go from this cottage no more, if he is prosperous, to

call this, Home. But I only turn & look at him & you & Jennie & think how wonderfully God has provided for you all. how He has given you richly all things to enjoy. in this world & I trust your aim is to use these things. as not abusing them.

25 Where is your dear husband this morning? Is he still far away from home: where mother & Wilder & Charley & May cannot see him? The time seems long I know to you all. But perhaps he had returned & you are all happy in the full enjoyment of each others society.

Our grapes look very finely, & your father & Sarah call them good — tho. they are not quite sweet enough for me. I think of making some grape jelly. Have not you a way of putting them up to keep all Winter — without steaming them? If so please tell me how it is.

Sarah goes on quietly & stead

ly & does what is necessary about house - She is neat - tho. not very particular - does not seem to see doors & windows need to be wiped with a wet cloth in spots or whole - still, will do such things when reminded of them kindly - washes & irons well & cook well - is genteel in her movements - & conducts with propriety. She sends love to you - & you must not forget her.

I think a great deal about you. nie, at this time of course - I know you will let us know all things as quick as you can.

Does that woman doctress, practice now, or, has she given it up? You, know, I believe - The Conference of Churches were to meet here in Oct. the last week. Our Chh. are calculating to visit the people & wakes an interest to attend the meetings - & to attend to the salvation of their own souls. Pray that God may bless these efforts, to the good of many of this people - & to others who attend.

Your father has the headache

today. He slept well – but woke with a hard headache. & now, after 4 or 5 hours – dizziness in some measure has come. I hope it will go off quickly.

I am very well – that is much better than for a long time. I can do considerable sitting – but cannot walk about much. –

By request your father preached in reference to Hannah Marshall's death – on Submission – She died peacefully & without a struggle or a groan.

I must close with much love from father & self to all the people. & try to do something to relieve your pa.

Very aff. Ez Mother.

Dunbarton Oct 15th

My Dear Children,

We wish to know how you Isaac are now at home, & we hope soon, to hear a good deal about your Western journey. We wish to know if you are free from cough - but hope you are. And Nettie, I hardly know how you did get along without having mother - or girl. I hope it was some help as well as hindrance. I have been saving the last can of pears to open - when our good friend Mrs. Harris should visit us. This morning the autumn has painted most beautifully & your father thought he will start for Concord - and I concluded to go with him to John Jenny's. Mrs Harris was overjoyed to see me, the more because she must go to morrow from D— & could only be able to call a few minutes instead of staying some days. She over and over expressed her gratitude for my visit. - tho I was the one to feel most grateful. They both, Mr. & Mrs H. & Jane had

many enquiries to make after you & yours. - & sent much love - gave & rec'd much pleasure in your short call - but desired a longer one. Mrs H - hoped if you ever c'd visit her - you wd. She rejoiced th. you & yours were so well situated. Mr. Jenny had reserved to mull batter of cider, Medicine, for me - she gave us a few very fine apples - named River, & a little honey in the comb. We had a nice dinner & reached home about 2 O'clock, in rain - It commenced when we were about half way up the long hill. but, no harm done by it, I think your father preached yesterday as loud as ever - had a little touch of blindness to day but not much headache after - this is encouragement - I have been unusually well for 2 or 3 weeks - Sarah has had considerable of the headache & Lyman not appeared as well as I ever recollect - All our great family unite in love to you. to one two - three families.

Tomorrow will close 60 years of my life - can I be so near 70? Mary A. Caldwell called here to day - when I was gone, & she gone to Pashua tomorrow. She & her sister Hill. are going to Byfield to live on the house with their bro. Mrs Thos -

Dunbarton Oct. 14th 1860.

My Dearest Vettie,

You are exceedingly good to write to us so often, when you have so many cares, & so little help. We can hardly realize that jennie is getting along so finely. Our prayers for her seem fully answered. I hope she may yet be a healthy woman.

You must be careful of your health my dear child. Remember how you caught cold, a year & a half ago, & avoid exposure as much as possible: rest, whenever you can; even if you dispense with visiting, & receiving company in some degree, for a time, I shall think much about you tho. I have given you up - & rejoice that your situation embraces so many privileges, & so many comforts.

I got ready to go to meeting this A.M. but, felt too uncomfortable, & remained at home, but went this P.M. Mr. George preached an interesting sermon & calculated to do good. On the petition of the Sabbath school woman, to Jesus - May we my dear, have her faith & perseverance in pleading with Jesus to help us & sanctify us & our children.

Oct. 20 So long I have left this because Geo. wrote to Elyria & I thot it better to delay - I gave him a piece of delaine but he did not put it in the letter so I think I will send it in this. I have got the skirt - & waist without sleeves done, & last eve run breadths for Sa. dress & calico. Thursday I rode about six miles with Geo. & yesterday went to Selves to Wilson's - Mrs W's health is much improved. Cyrus Colby, Mrs Wilson's brother has purchased Wh. was Leroy's farm - & making the house all over - very beautiful - & is expected to marry Abby Wilson - Probably soon. Geo. has gone to Concord to preach for Mr Parker, & we expect him here. Sarah is now mistress of the domestic concerns - She seems happy & does well. & sews well. She is going to fit & make two dresses (cal. & de. for herself. & fit mine only Wh. I do my self. This P.M. I have been

mending coat & pants for Geo.
Have you seen the "Mute & the
Blind" a little paper printed at
Niagara Falls? If you have wh.
do you & Isaac think of it?
We have had several No.s sent to
us. If those thousands - that have
been spent for balls to entertain
the Prince. could have been use
& for the instruction of the ignoran
& comfort of the starving & na-
ked, what life & cheer it would give.
21. Mr. Parker is preaching here
tho. a very rainy day. Louisa
& Sarah Kearney - & I alone at
home. tho. not lonely - I pro-
posed going to ch. this P.M. but
husband & Mr Parker pain Pa,
You may have seen in some
paper the death of Lewis -
He has gone, & I do not but
rejoice - for his own sake &
that of his friends. I cannot
but believe the mercy of God
will cover his infirmities, &
the blood of Jesus wash away
his sins. He will be missed
& let us pray that his death may

be sanctified to the good of all the friends. We have rec'd no letter from W— since his death & know not at any of the particulars.

Oct 23. Dear Children: I am now enjoying quite a season of rest from my labors. Death is here & has all the preaching for me, & will I expect & suppose for some Sabbaths in succession, beginning with the second in Oct. Since he has been at home, my health has been improving, & I hope to be able to labor, & leave, to soon with my children again.

We are getting along pretty nice with our help. Sarah, tho' slow & sure. She is a good cook, appears pleasant, & notwithstanding she can see, is perfectly contented. And we think it worth something - for a good deal - to have a girl of good habits, good manners, & whose words are convincing, either by being too numerous, or spoken unintelligibly, & who is willing to add to our stay time to the extent of our wishes.

We rejoice very much that you children are so much better. Hope you, Isaac, will be perfectly well soon. We look to hear very soon from you. Father.

Dumbarton Nov. 3. 1860.

My dear Sister Nettie;

I cannot write much, this morning for there is so much that I want to do upon I leave home. I will however answer your questions & tell you a few things that concern me. I expect to be ordained (provided I Bangor) & will preach my ordination sermon. Hannie & I shall board for the present, perhaps not longer than Spring.

I had a good time at Dr. Van Rankes. He thinks a good deal of you & would like to see you. Said he hoped we should come & see him. We came through New York. Had a very nice time with him.

Yesterday I was at Manchester & had your vaccine virus put in my left arm - so now my mouth is all right I believe -

Dunbarton Oct 3d 1866

My Dear Children,

Very right in your opinion, Isaac - no grapes ripe enough to keep over to this time, but they made good jelly. &c &c. Yesterday, Sarah rather surprised me - when I was called out to dinner, by having a large piece of baked beef - on the table - large enough for 12 persons or more; I wished if any agents, or other friends were ready to drop in for a good meal. they would. Pie & other things - plenty. Today Sarah is baking pumpkin & apple pies, & bread - yesterday she made cookies & nut cakes. I seldom trouble myself to look after her. Last eve. they had a great time in the sch. room. Mr Will. Bunting lectured to more than cd be seated there. Your father & Sarah went. Subject "The Seeming & the Real." Quite able, your father said. The sch. is to close next week Wed. to leave Pray for him, in view of the great events soon to take place with him - We shall not write you a next week. Your pa continues better & so do I. Love from us to all the little ones - Yo ar affectionate mother -

this morning as I was taking a walk, I espied a fine red Squirrel over with a stone, wh. I let fly at him. & then I brought him home - for you know Martha loves venison - She has skinned the animal already & will swallow him for dinner I expect. I have but a day or two at home now & shall have enough to do to get anything in readiness.

Glad Jennie is getting along so well. & baby, too. Thank Herbert for his long particular letter. Vote a name call him what you please, I do not care - only name him so when home I shall know what to call the youngster.

Hattie & Mattie are in usual health. Much love to you all

Your bro
George -

Jennie has continued letter & to do. Love from us to all

Tho' my health is pretty comfortable, I am still unable to use my eyes but little. I shall try to supply my pulpit in person tho' the winter, but now think at the annual meeting of the Society in March, I shall propose to have them seek a new minister, & let me be at liberty.

Farther.

This is for both families - so many Callie-Nana & Mr & Mrs Brigham - Jeffers &c &c.
Love to all
over. Glad Willie is with
us - we got
Huntsville & read
us. Will also
Parley & Mrs
Mat we
Dear Love
Emma Bassett.

Mother
knows
will no
usual. Tuesday
Lucy is with
& Nathan will
Tuesday in
Mr Hill

[illegible] about [illegible] this
[illegible] not a [illegible] left. [illegible]
[illegible] with [illegible] bake [illegible]
[illegible] today [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] down
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
all our efforts doing everything
else he could to make us comfortable he has such a wreck as
never met him - now before
him - to be married Monday
morning next - in Travelling dress
& on to Lawrence. There on
Wednesday to be ordained - (as
he ascertain all the requisite
labor & care coming upon him

I seem to hear a voice saying
"My grace is sufficient" "my
strength is made perfect in weak
ness". "I will help thee and I will
strengthen thee" May he lean on
the Almighty arm & find support.
11. Rained yesterday - last night & this
morning - a rain which I expect reaches from Dedham, Maine, to Elyria, Ohio. A rain of righteousness too - I hope will descend & bless the nation. War - famine & trouble worse times in the world - What will be the end - or when is it to
Do you send help to Kansas?
18th Your father went to Concord
monday P. M. took cars for Cheney
Market Junction - next to Portland -
& then to Yarmouth. Geo. & wife had
arrived a short time before about 2
O'clock. They were accomodated
at the same house (Dr Barbanks)
as long as your father did stay
so he had a good time to become
acquainted with Fannie. She &
Geo. sent me, each a note by her
band - very pretty & good. Nothing fine
in appearance as her - Your pa says, at
first sight a little bashful - Yet, after

carring well. a fine singer I think she is good - like the other companions of our dear children & we have great reason to rejoice. Every thing went as we wished & to have it th. is, connected with the ordination. Your Pa came home in good health & spirits Friday eve., and today preached from 1 Tim. 3, 16. with his usual energy & power - years ago. First part of the verse forenoon & last part this P.M. I went all day have been gaining strength for 6 weeks past.

19 We are comfortable to day. I have been quite busy brushing stove & our room the study, & mending button holes in your father's coat & repairing a dress for somebody, I know not who, & knitting socks this eve. Your father has been to see Abernath today. She has lately had a very ill turn & is now more comfortable, but it is that she will live but a short time. She has not given up the hope of recovery - appears resigned to the will of God; not so happy as Mrs Raymond did. At Thanksgiving, we expect Lu Stinson will be married & perhaps Abby Wilson. You see I commenced this long ago. Did you ever go to Grandfather's?

Dear Addison: I am mother has given quite a good account of my health & doings. I have indeed been wonderfully sustained in what I have passed thro' the past week. It is now more than a month since I have had a turn of the blind headache, & I feel pretty well, except when I attempt to use my eyes, then, in a short time, I feel a heaviness on my head. I still think I shall, in the Spring, request the people to get a new minister. And I do not think I shall remain here long after my dismission. Should I be able to preach, I think as I cannot use my eyes for study, I had better be in some other mission, than where I have preached so much. I am inclined to think that Lynnouth will be a good location, as there are always vacancies in the churches of that region. May God direct all. Father

Dunbarton Dec 29 1860

My Dear Children,

Your father has preached today from "Be Thankful." & now, half past 3 he has just harnessed the Old Stevens to make Susan Howe. I think not best to go tho. I had a very polite invitation. It looks likely to snow. It is said Abby Hutchinson is married, if true, I suppose they were married at Manchester.

30th About 4 O'clock this morning after sleeping pretty well till that time, I was very much distressed - a different kind of pain from any I ever experienced - Now, 10 O'clock I am nearly relieved, trust I shall be well as usual in a day or two. This is the first ill turn I have had since Sarah has been here. I could not account for it unless I took cold going to meeting, the weather was cold, & the ground cold & damp.

Mrs Anderson came here yesterday is at Col. Johns today - will make it her home here until after the Sabbath & be calling on other neighbors, she is very well. & sends love to you & Jennie. Mrs Kimball called here this A.M. She express

I do not remember that Charley Rich felt bad when father & I left. I am glad you are well & all your colds are comfort. Give my love to Mrs Hiram. Good by.

Stand fast in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, & be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage.

Gal. 5:1

Your father has

Love

his love

ed great disappointment that she did not see you when you were at Mrs Allisons. enquired very kindly after you & Jennie. She spent last Winter in Brooklin with her sister Jones. She did not appear to have lost any of her energy of character. & seemed in fine health.

Dec: 4. o'clock Cousin Sam. has just left us, has been here from Saturday. Was with us Thanksgiving day. She has gone out to make calls, now. Last eve. Your father Mr & Mrs Sam & Sarah. all went to Jeremy. They had a warm discussion on, that there are more elements of division in this country than there ever was. I had a good time a Come. do I often do — we did not retire 'til 11 O'clock, late for us.

Hope you will have got a good girl before now. If not Dear I can provide the one you have to put off waiting for a month or two. Tell him that Mrs Evans was here when we received his letter. I was very glad to hear that she was such a good little girl. Tell Mildred & Charley I love them too, & hope they will be very kind to each other & little sister.

Mrs Hackney is preaching in Lemon Center Tabernacle with all her family cares & labors has written home a little poem on poetry, if your father will allow me to

it out of the paper. I will send it to you.
Capt. [illegible] came with his chickens away
ov. before Thanksgiving, also Brigham
exist some real milk [illegible] about a pound
of new Cake. That is the amount of pres-
[illegible] (Wilson) is sure to [illegible]
new Collar. Without help from your father.
[illegible] [illegible] last Sabbath
[illegible] baby still growing strong.

Mr. We expected a letter from Elyria yes-
terday - but none came - Mr Putnam
saw William Burnham, yesterday - Ase-
nath is no better - but rather sinking
I suppose no one would be sur-
prised if she were taken away
any time; it will be a great af-
fliction to the family. She was
much disappointed that she did
not see you when you were
there - & said she should have seen
you had she known you were
in the house.

Quite a snowstorm last night
& sleighs have been going all the fore
noon.

Mr Glad you are settled about help. Do
hope your new girl will prove good. Can
she do all your washing & Mrs A. spend
last night here, just gone, 9 o'clock. We
had a letter fr. Geo. Yesterday - well except Jan
nies eyes. I fear she will suffer for them a great
while.

Love to all. Yours affectionately

Dear J. We did not come to this
day, & are now trying to keep
from your face the knowledge, or
also in the same kind of devotion
& tenderness. — I do speak, Nettie of
coming to Ohio to live after
we leave Dunbarton. I shall
your part, and this expres-
sion of friendship & kindness
love. I think we shall leave
Dunbarton, one day, tho' we do
not see much against the thing
to any of our people. Where we
shall go remains to be determined.
There will be some advan-
tages, I think, at Lynnouth over
Elenia. Particularly a part of a
desirable trade, patients & location,
location, & clientage. In
other respects still more important, I think
if I were able to practice some, so
as to support myself, occa-
sionally, the ability of a country
would be much more likely to
afford employment. Visions
of boys, children, & their companions,
whom we also call children,
are very much, & I should greatly enjoy their
society; but at our age, & without in-
fantile, a journey to Ohio looks
quite formidable. And we cannot
expect to be able to accomplish it.
The cold, wet, & raw, has indeed been
severe. The mercury has not been down
to zero here in 10 or 12 degrees.
My health is a little improving.
Your mother's much the better.

Love.

My Dear Three

Love to all

Mr Hall's family

Louisa Parker

have just gone

to Barrington

to winter

to Mrs Winter's

& Sarah to the

Sharps &c. &c.

Very glad you & yours & do so well. Give my love to them all. If they are good - they will have a great reward.

I was not expecting to hear that Mr Hall was not living - How narrowly Hereford escapes! We hope he will not have a stiff knee.

Are Mr Hill's family left comfortably? Death is doing its building every where & our bell told the departure of Miss Mathis Lake - & she is expected every hour to follow. You'll be glad that when he comes from Mr Burnham's has invariably said "That is a beautiful child". Mr B is only son. Pray that the afflicted ones may be supported & benefitted.

Sorry for your dear mother head can she not take something cleansing to the stomach - which will relieve the head?

How Isaac got entirely rid of his cough? And the little ones, are they free from colds? many children have died in Goffstown with inflamed sore throats.

Wish I had something to send W— & Ch. K. May. Ah. can't you? You may recollect I came course black & some three years ago. I am knitting the 4th pair of socks of it, too I shall send to W. & I have prepared with H. D. Vaw Combs help three lined warm dresses & many more garments, I find there. One pr. of socks I think of giving to Hattie Hill. I think I have about 7 dollars worth in the barrel which I hope will go next week. For two weeks I have been making over th. delaine, colored black, shall not get it done before next week. So many dark cloudy days that I make slow progress in dressing; but I am thankful th. I can do any thing. I shall think much of you my dear Hattie during these cold days. May you have your greatest wheelchair

Dunbarton, Dec. 21, 1860.

Dear Children:—

How I wish, dear Nellie, Rose, (& my namesake children,) could all be here together, in my fully furnished. We should regard it as a very great privilege to have you & Jennie within convenient visiting distance. But it seems hardly probable that we shall ever see Elyria, & visit the happy homes of our children there. But we are grateful to know that they are well situated — that they have good kind husbands, & every temporal that want provided for. More than this, we trust they have treasures in heaven, & that, tho' in a great measure deprived of their society here, we shall enjoy it, & that of their companions, in the heavenly world.

Thank you, Isaac, for the part you bore in the last letter.

You ask what I think of Disunion:— A few minutes after I read this question in your letter, the following paragraph, from a paper published in Missouri, (St. Joseph, Gem Democrat,) met my eye, and expresses my sentiments so clearly respecting the secession of the Southern malcontents, that I send it to you as my reply:—

"If they leave—what then? The first result will be a Republican majority in the Senate and in the House. A tariff will be passed; the homestead bill will pass; Kansas will be admitted; the Territories will be free; rivers and harbors will be improved; a Central Pacific railroad will be built; industry in all its forms will be revived. Congress will become an advantage to the people instead of a curse. Let them secess and disune."

You also ask whether if they go out of the union the U. S. ought to whip them in? I would be in no hurry about this, provided they commit no aggressions. Let them stay out doors till they come naked & hungry, & would be glad to return at their own accord. But if they attack any of the national arsenals, or resist the collection of any of the national revenues, let them, like mutinous children, feel the rod. What do you think?

Yours &c.

I presume in the midst of all of our people - of what great joyful designs & do in heaven. Sabbath was. My heart. Oh. how sweet communion we had. Oh. how sweet on the eve.

two little books [illegible] We wish it Grandpa & grandma for you to say which shall have which. All want to [illegible] one. Great news from Fort Moultrie! But we know not what to believe - No safety but in Jehovah.

Jan. 1st This morning the bell has toll'd "the departure of a soul" etc. Death has gone, she died about 5 this morning - at new year indeed, it will be to her - without months or days - I hope an eternal year of sinless engagement. Two, who were with us four years ago have gone, "never more to meet us here".

This morn. I have commenced reading Josiah, with questions, by Rev. Eleazer W. Clark. We delay mailing this today - hoping to get one from you. How do you do Isaac? Hettie? Grandma? And little ones? We hope you are all very well. & very happy &

will be so all this year. Can Will or tell grandma Putnam, in your next letter what we must do to make us happy?

Pa. Your father is preparing to go to attend the funeral of our dear Grandmother. She has been dead 3 days before she died they had to defer it as long as they could. She seemed so near death but this she lingered - Her body now lies near our family lot South of the Burnham Monument. She was very happy near the closing scene. I made down to stay with Mrs Emerson while your father was gone. She is very feeble & poor in flesh - one eye has been so painful for several weeks that she has been deprived of sleep. a good deal - has not been at meeting for 3 or 4 Sabbaths - but remains alone. Neighbors are kind always. & she has all she needs - is happy & cheerful. Wish you all were well. Letter from Geo. Potter. He has a bad cold, but preached half the day last Sabbath. am by on the other part.

affectionate Mother.

Jan. 2. This is a mild, beautiful day, but the travelling in this town is poor, from the great abundance of snow. Yesterday we received a letter from Chesterfield, from Miss Ward. Our friends at home are all well. Albert Gray, (Harrison's son,) was to be married yesterday morning at 8 o'clock, & start immediately on a journey to visit his wife's friends. Tate, as no information in regard to when he married, but presume that his friends were pleased with the match.

We are having fresh interesting discussions this winter. Jimmy Caldwell is teaching our school, & makes quite a figure as a debater in the Lyceum. He is certainly a very promising young man — not quite so tall as the president elect, but I guess will weigh more, & he seems to have as much & more ready at command than he. Jimmy Mattney is here now, & he & Caldwell have a rattling intellectual contest.

Yours &c.

Father has some discouragements of late in regard to his health. Last week he had a return of his bilious headache, & was prostrated to a serious degree. The last of the week, however, was better, & I reached on the Sabbath, with cheerfulness & thankfulness that he was again in the

&c. One of his best sermons. He made a few little mistakes One of wh. he knew. forgetting to read Mrs Mrs Colby's request for prayer - It troubled him - However he prayed. with for them - & that all might know who made the request - read the note after the prayer.

By taking out your letter from Mattie ft. the envelope, we'd send all in one. Your pa said you'd read it to us - & so I might read it - & so I did.

20. Your father has got us brought to worse. Is awfully tired - but is going right off to Concord & Pembroke. I meant to go with him part way but conclude as usual. I better stay at home - rested quite well last night.

Sabbath eve. Your father has preached
two good Sermons today. He says
I may say to you & G— I was very
much exhausted & sweat profusely &c
but have had no blindness & feel
somewhat encouraged, on the whole.
I felt quite comfortable this forenoon &
made an effort to go the second time
to Sch. I was all tired out from head
to foot. & distressed in part, yet I can
not say, I am sorry: In the forenoon
your father preached from "Be quaint
now thyself with God" &c. This P.
M. "Praying always with all prayer

Mrs. Love to the Children — Sister Martha — Mary — Willie Porter — Spence —

Yarmouth, Jan. 7. 1861.

My dear Sister Hattie;

Your long
good letter, with Isaac's to
Frannie dated Nov. 24 — has
lately turned up in my view. &
to my surprise — I find I am
owing you a letter. After reading
it I got mislaid — & supposed
I had answered it. I was think-
ing 'twas about time for me
to hear fr. you again — So please
pardon the long delay —

You speak of Frannie's picture.
Mother begged that of me. Before I
left home. I could not take
it fr. Dunstan — We board with
Mr. Hayes — a very pleasant
man — His wife is a superior
lady we think — Her face always
has a smile for us — & is

hand is always ready to do us a kindness - We occupy two chambers on the South end of the house - Our large chamber with, cool to the East, we have a very good view of Coasters Bay & the shipping in the harbor - & an opportunity to behold beautiful sunrises (when we are up). Our smaller chamber - which is my study - we have a fine view of the two villages of Portsmouth & of the Navals, we furnish our own rooms - in the large room - we have a bed, bureau - wash stand - towel rack - stove - centre table, piano & piano stool, besides, six chairs, one of which is a nice little rocker for Hannie - (also a cricket in the closet,) In my study I have a good sized bookshelf

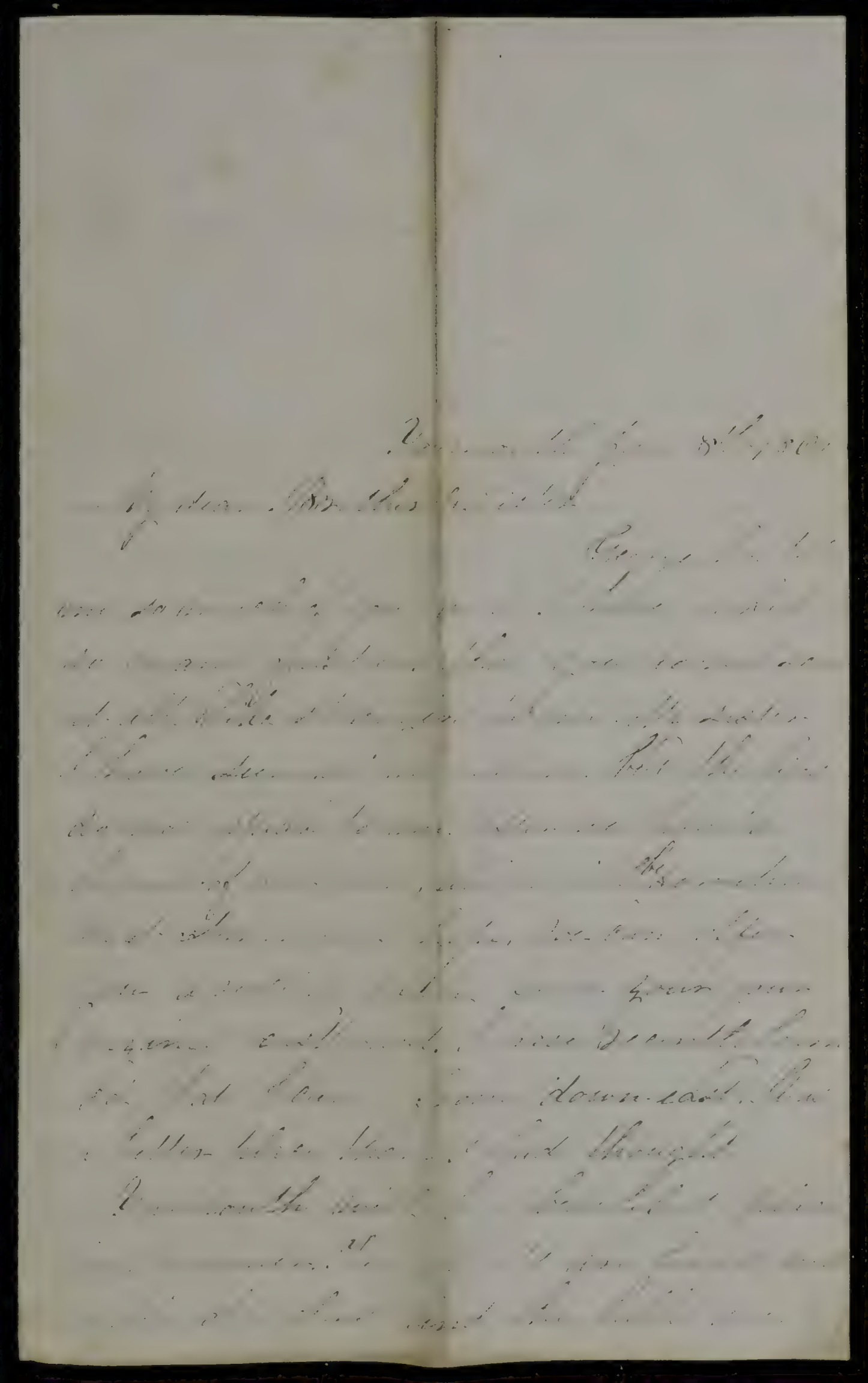
packed full of books - (among wh. are Hugh Miller's complete works - Herbert's present.) A large center table, a X wh. Parisa & three chairs & a stove - In one corner I have a good photograph of Prof. Harris - in the opposite is a Pond. & on one side that large picture of Union College - In the large room we have three more pictures, "The cottage door" (your work), "Resting under the tree," & "The prospered kiss" a good photograph of Prof. Shepard, & that large picture of Heads Beecher Chase - Hale - Whittier - Sumner Seward & Greeley - wh. hung in middle room at home - We think our rooms are pretty & cozy - They are well carpeted & we enjoy ourselves very much here -

I think, we are among a very kind & sympathizing people - On Thanksgiving day I preached as good a sermon as I could - Six -

the evening while receiving a collection presented by a young man with $2.00 for my sermon. This Mother gave me a three dollar gold piece to increase my library. They evidently love me as these things show me. They are also careful of me. For when I have called, I have (for three weeks past) they want to take care of all the meetings except Sabbath day. Dr. Burbank says he can do all it, but he won't preach. He can't preach. I must have employ for that.

Pittsburgh acquaintances) has been a great business. I has not yet come to an end. I have received & enjoyed a good people. Ought I not to be thankful?

Hope you may see from it ere long, I feel in her acquaintance for I know you will love each other. Much love to Dennie & Mother & for us both as well as to yourself & Grace. Want to hear from all. Bro. George—



[illegible]

[illegible] to go home to [illegible]
[illegible] as soon as [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Kisses to the
[illegible] and much love to
[illegible]

Your affectionate sister,
Minnie.

It is too bad to let this
blank paper go so many
hundred miles with no
ink at all thereon. So
I will run my pen over
it if I do not communicate
anything. For three weeks
I have been little better than
a sick man. Tho. I have
met regularly all my pulpit
appointments. Most of the
time during the week I

Keep in my room. Think a little, read some & take the use of the time as it happens to. I have had considerable help by exchange. Agents. & by preaching. without tents I have got along very well. Hope I shall hear from you & Jennie soon. I want to know how Jennie is & how she does &c. My regards to Hattie & the Dr. family. Hannie wishes her love to go to Jennie & Hattie Smith.

Your bro.

George.

Brother [illegible] is down very
unwell with influenza, for two weeks
or more, by being carried to the meeting
house he has preached once or twice
on the Sabbath. If he is well enough to
come here, we expect him next week.

14. Dear Children. Last week
we had meetings every day
in the afternoons, as well
as in the evening. We also ap-
pointed an additional
concert of prayer, (which
we hold every month,) on
the day of the President's fast;
and, besides praying for the
enslaved, prayed for the
President & his counsellors,
for the rebels, & for the
whole nation, making our
meeting somewhat longer
than usual. It is worthy
of notice that since the
President has been made
a special subject of prayer

throughout the nation on the day of his own appointment, he has done better, & appears to feel more at home in accordance with his oath of office, to examine the laws. By the way, have you read H. W. Beecher's sermon preached on the day of the president's fast? The president, I opine, will not wish to furnish the country with much such preaching. Plenty room in wide awake. I could not endorse all his expressions; but I am glad there are such men in the country—men who, when "the devil is come down having great wrath," (Rev. 12:12.) are not afraid to meet his Satanic Majesty, & give him battle,—tho' he has "spirited hosts" by his side, to do his bidding, and es-

specially to be his professions.
I want D. Cheever on Sam,
with his battering ram, Beth-
er & Cheever, are enough for
all the Southern D. D.'s that
Slavery can conjure up, with
Dr. Nehemiah Adams of Boston
thrown into the scale. His
Sermon in the Boston journal, that
fair last named doctor, in his late
Thanksgiving sermon, argues that
Slavery is a divine institution
recognised as such in the Bible!
I claimed that there must
be no peace or quietness in the
land, until the community
come to recognise it as such.
It is a matter of astonishment
to me how men in New England
can set & hear such infernal
sentiments, unmoved.

Archibald Smith crosses abroad
most of the time, & makes it his
head quarters at his own house,
& probably will continue to do so.
He lost a brother like others very sud-
denly lately, & Col. Scarlett had us
a note for prayers that, there
death that a little brother
might be sanctified to him for his
soul — he is in about an
usual health, tho' I can not
cannot learn quite as well for
a few days past.

Traction

Evansville Feb 3rd 1861.

Dear Children.

Many thanks to you Jennie for your long letter & many thanks be to the Giver of every good, for his mercy to you all - for the perfect little man & for the comfortable circumstances of mother & child. May he live to make many hearts rejoice; to take the yoke from the neck of the oppressed - to be a father to the fatherless, & to cause the heart of the widow to sing. You have learnt from a little written by Gen. T. Jennie - what a time Gen. & wife had to get here. They both took some cold - & Gen. did not seem to gain much for a week (They stay over the Sabbath more than they designed to on account of his health when they left Yarmouth) Today he preached two sermons - your father performing the other services. I am here in the study alone - suppose I have taken a little cold somehow - for my cough has been bad for a day or two. But I am not sick

but a little uncomfortable. We have enjoyed the visit from Geo. & Fannie very much - only we could not realize Geo. as quick as we wished - they will leave us this week, if he is well enough & the tracking does not hinder. If Geo. came from the meeting house yesterday back ache headache &c, but he seems comfortable today - packing boxes & other things for Yarmouth. They are all Capt. Hinckley's invitation - & J. Kimball & wife came to find this eve. here - but went to the Capt. to do as to see Geo & Fannie all they could. They brot us about 2 lbs beef & parsnips. Last week

Now, Nellie, do you not think your journey here contributed some thing towards your present health, & the 'vigor' of little Grace? This is encouraging. You will love Fannie when you see her. She plays on a piano forte at her home, & here she plays on our instrument & sings so it almost seems as if you had come again. Geo. puts in the law. & it goes finely. Tuesday 5th - My cold a little better. Geo & F. will leave us tomorrow probably. Love to all - great & little.

Your father in L. Weston

Love to Father & Sammie & Love
Feb. 6. I must cordially endorse
all that dear Mother has said, by
way of gratitude & thanks for the
good letter which Jane wrote, &
the good news it contained. We earn-
estly hope that your little one
will prove to be a rich blessing
to you, & to the world in which they
have commenced their existence.

Yesterday George was so well as
to go out for one both parts
of the day; & it does not seem
to have injured him. We think,
he shall be able to resume his
ministerial labours at home,
tho' he is for a season being entirely
restored. We think he has
got a very good wife. Though
highly educated, she is perfectly
unostentatious in her manners,
& we think will be very pleas-
ant & helpful to us. It seems quite
a spread affair to break up

allow communications here, when I have passed more than thirty years in the ministry; but I have had business which about it since I decided to go, & that has been murmuring. I think your mother & I are now in a state of health sufficiently good to enable us to remove & commence a new residence, but should we delay long, there is reason to fear we should be obliged to remain where we are, with no son or daughter to afford us those attentions so desirable in the decline of life. I have no great predilection for the climate at Yarmouth, yet it may prove favorable. Your mother has thought for several years, she should like to be by the Salt water. I am sick. in this respect will be gratified at Yarmouth.

We are now in usual health, except that your mother is subject to more than usual coughing, owing to an accustomed [illegible] Your Father

Dunbarton N.H. 23d '61.

My Dear Nettie,

We were made joyful this P.M. by receiving 3 good letters. One from Mrs Barrow from Geo. & your You did not say - but we infer that all who had been to visit with Lal calds are much better or well - We hope, with so many little ones around you need strength, wisdom - & every Christian grace, & I pray that you may have the

Geo. now calls himself well Fanny his man at Dedham with her parents. will spend some weeks there. We did enjoy their visit here very much - tho. they were both real sick when they reached here & for several days after wards. They started from

24 Yarmouth Monday Morn. & expecting to reach here by 5 or 6 O'clock P.M. had trouble for the want of a new steamb. & an unusual depth of snow, hindered the

Once they had to back several miles
to let one Thru Train pass. They reached
Manchester late in the eve without
accident injury. The next day they reach
ed Gafftown 5 o'clock found a coura-
geous man, who said he would
try to bring them to Dunbarton. He
did so. Had some rails before they
reached Mr Henry's the horse
plunged into the snow, & Geo. Leslie
& Fred made his way to the house
& sent Ed to unhook the horse out
& get Minnie (who was taking a
very severe cold in her face) to the
house. They were very kindly taken
care of that night & next day. &
about sunset reached home. How
if I have been silly [illegible]
tell you it will not be so pastime
for next time. I have been to Chh.
two services & S.S. One text Publish
the Salvation: The Other I am the
door" Come [illegible] home or went on to
the bed & kept thinking Christ
died for all. If next to night
I shall rejoice tomorrow.
Mr. Hoyt came. Talked about Miss Jain
in my right hand [illegible] not feel
any "more" pain it was pleasure
seems to be wearing away now. About
Sab We are some disappointed & if we were

not going to break up house keeping we did not wish to retain her. She is able & willing to pay her own & that we set off against other things & he [illegible] the market & is one with the evidently wishes her to stay as long as she can. You say there are some things there, I should hardly like to have you to [illegible] strangers." Please say in your next what things? Also if there is anything you will wish sent. Mrs. Tom's [illegible] yes, I should love to see little [illegible] & all the rest, little & great, but as I have made up my mind to be contented, in whatsoever circumstances I do here. And in regard to leaving here I think as little possible about it, & give care as much as I can. Your father will tell you his plans. Mother

Your mother has left it for me to answer your inquiries about our removal.

1st. I have no idea what will become of the house & Land. I hope another minister will be settled here soon who will want it. If not, my present intention is, to sell it at auction, unless an opportunity presents to dispose of it at private sale.

2d. As to the furniture. Our furniture is old & poor. What is worth

moving, we intend to move to Gor-
inth, for our use, & that of the
family with which we board; the
rest, including our Sofas, we in-
tend to sell at auction. My book,
that is, the books worth carrying-
I mean to put right into George's
library, - to make with his, a com-
mon library for us both. I have
a good many books, that will not
be worth carrying, & hardly worth
bringing forward for an auction.
Such I shall dispose of in al-
most any way that I can get rid
them. I do not reckon them as
of any value.

Yesterday, I appointed a Ch.
meeting to be held March 15th.
the present week, - to act up-
on a communication from
me, respecting the relation now
existing between me & this peo-
ple. I suppose it will be un-
derstood before the meeting, that
I wish to have my pastoral relation
dissolved. I shall propose
to supply the pulpit, just three
months longer, closing my Labors on the
Lord's Sabbath in May next. That same
week, we hope to reach Yarmouth,
to become residents of that place. There
is a sadness about this matter. But we
have made up our minds, to follow, as clear-
fully as possible, the line of duty. We
are discouraged about keeping house.
Your mother needs someone with her that

(5th page.)
comes a vast deal more about her
comfort, than the one does, who
does our house-work now. And
we fear it would be so if we
should get somebody else.
And then, to hire a housekeep-
er, & board her & pay her wages,
without any salary, (& my sal-
ary will cease when I cease preaching,)
would incur greater expenses,
than we feel able to meet.

George has invited us to live
with him. & he said, the last
time he was at home, to his
parents— "I owe you a liv-
ing, for the care of my child-
hood." It was very pleasant
to us to hear such an ex-
pression of filial gratit-
tude. But we shall not
accept of a living on so my
such score as this. We intend
he shall never owe us any
less than he does now. We

do not calculate to draw our support from his salary; but think there may be mutual advantage from associating our families together, rather than keeping up two establishments with only two persons in each family.

I have thus disclosed to you our plans & purposes. What do you, Isaac & Nettie, think of them? Are they wise? — But I must close now. Did you, Isaac see the President elect, when he was at Cleveland? I am quite anxious to hear how he got thro' Maryland. I trust he had no trouble, for I really think he was in danger. In these times, we have abundant cause to trust in a mightier power than that of man. Much love to you & the little ones.

Yr father.

Paris - March 10 '91.

Dear Mrs. [illegible]

Good gracious, I've been [illegible] and yet I've received [illegible] many times, but never [illegible] for my neglect & coldness to [illegible] children than me. I am better than I was, but did not think it best to write [illegible] Paris - expecting [illegible] two visits a week. [illegible] next Tuesday & will [illegible] [illegible] probably [illegible] but I'll [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

a soap spoon if you wish. Anny dog. Tea for each. I may wish to have several of the cheapest one pound I like. What remains of the black & white tea set we shall carry to N. & when there is an opportunity to convey a parcel to you, it can be done.

You can have that large blue Jersey & more of the set if you wish. We suppose Isaac's pencil marks had reference to that set. Liverpool China. I do not know the number of pieces, but more than 12. dining plates - two small platters. & two pretty large - all of Dorset shape. This is heavy - & we thought of disposing of it here the best way we could! Your fragility, its weight, liability to break - &c &c are sufficient reasons why we did dispose of it here; but if you wish it shipped for you, say, in the next letter, & it will be done.

Rather a rough cold day - but, people are pressing on to the old town house, to March-meeting. I have seen a parcel of calico & delaine found about the house, outside & in, & shall have Sarah quilting. Some of it I can get done good yarn, & sell for something for somebody. Sarah was in at Mr Brigham's the other day. Mrs B.

said, "I" have don't know how I feel to think of their going away. Many of the men come to know Father, and he is very glad you are. I have tried to know what is best for us to do. I know it is determined. If I live to go to Yarmouth I hope to go with our "Corking Beer" & instead of leaving with a sigh, rejoice that we have with so much love & good will on both sides, & that our children are willing to receive us. & me in particular — I am aware it is very disagreeable to have anybody about house — with such a cough as I have. I wish whoever has me, to have all the consideration we can give. Lee says, he owes it all, for the care we take of him. Pray that I may bear my infirmities with cheerful resignation to the will of God.

I have just taken Dr. Watts book from the shelf & read one more paragraph. It is in praise of God, and Elizabeth Pitcairn we

Dear Son
I received your letter of the 13th & have been better today than for some weeks. How much I have to be thankful for! Children & grand-children & everything dear. Love to all. Your Mother
Well, town meeting is over, and the Republicans have elected all their officers, & not by so large a majority as last year. Quite a number having left town & several sick. Gen. Parker is chosen representative.
I suppose I have done my last voting here, & shall soon be in my last journeying home. The business of closing up, is quite sad to think of. I am beginning to feel quite desirous to have it over.
Last week I attended a council at Hopkinton to settle one of the ministers there. The name of the minister is E. H. Cook, who was settled pro. tem. while at Townsend, Mass. He is a man in middle life, having a wife & nine children, & is settled on seven hundred dollars salary. The settled with a portion of the church opposed to him, & there is reason to fear his ministry will not be of long continuance. Much love to you all. My health is pretty good for me. Your mother as usual.
Father

[illegible] afternoon. Today after
breakfast has been in. All very well
but a bit of rain leaving us,
yesterday. Like the [illegible] last
instalment by and will be
bringing a pair of stockings
your father today [illegible]
that a pair for me.
[illegible] usual excitement here.
Miss Mary Madden daughter in law
came recently. [illegible] Mr. Kingston
the Manager Pres. Bk. Cork, of the Bank,
middle aged. & Miss Dudley
(teacher) Young. Mr Safford had
a bt. die very suddenly, on Thurs.
There are are admonished day by
day. May we be watching.
N. The robin's little buddie about
4 weeks ago, when we had a warm
time. The bird's nest, which was
built several years ago, [illegible] was
on the body of the tree where it
[illegible] numerous branches [illegible] support the nest, remains there
still, tho it is now a little one
sided & shattered by loads of
snow pressing upon it — the
rain pouring on & around it.
& the high winds, like a madman
shaking it. Do not the birds like me
look at it, & some like Mrs.
Anderson, moralise over it.
[illegible] Yesterday came your [illegible] to hand

ing us of Measles in your town
ily. Three of these must have diverg
in one year is hard to be borne by
parents & little ones. If you all
live thro. this last, I shall think
it wonderful & we shall greatly
rejoice. I do not see how you
can visit at all & shall not
blame you if you do not. Within
a few days a minister's fam
ily thro. this place with a son, 8 or
10 years old, who was made deaf
by scarlet fever. went to Boston
to see if something could be
done to restore hearing. but had no
encouragement. This is a great
trial. I seem to see you & J.
me watching over the dear
little ones & trust you will
guard their eyes so that no
cause no fear of their sight. Tell
Hilder his aunty & Grandma sends
three or four kisses for him & hopes
he is so much better that his face is
not full, now. I'd love to kiss
them all but this is a pleasure not for me
Yes, Hattie, if these dear ones
children are trained to walk in the

"Harrow day" it will be a great
pleasure reward for all we have done
for you. Mother.

April 2. This is a very stormy
day, the air is full of snow, & it
is dripping at a great rate.
If [illegible] it will be a long
time before we shall have fair
traveling. We expect soon, in
less than two months, to be a-
blest to Dunbarton; and it is quite
doubtful whether we ever see these
old granite hills any more;
or any of the people; though it
is possible I may be led home
on business, that I live decid-
ed upon. You will naturally
suppose this speaking away
from a more than 30 years' res-
idence, must be painful. But,
I hardly know why, the thought
does not seem to inspire sadness
within us, - but we look forward
to our contemplated residence with
more than submission, - I may say,
with satisfaction. We think we
have lived here just about long enough.
Were we to continue to live here, the
people might get tired of seeing us. We
are quite willing to make a change
of residence. My health continues good.
Love to all. Father.

Resolutions.

Whereas at the annual meeting of the [illegible] with great pleasure for 31 years been connected. After we had communicated his request for a dissolution of this connection. Which was reluctantly granted.

Resolved. 1st. That it is with deep interest we have heard the request of our minister, Rev. D. Graham, for a dissolution of his connection with this people as our spiritual guide, & religious teacher — That it is with profound regret we hear the reasons assigned for dissolution — age & increasing infirmities — That we consider our past connection has been a happy and profitable one; and that he & his family have our earnest desire that their useful lives may be prolonged & that their last days may be peaceful & happy.

Passed Unanimously.

[illegible] Secy. [illegible] Gen. Ireland

Sec. of the 1st Cong. Soc. in Dunbarton.

Dunbarton [illegible] 1861.

[illegible] distress. There are mostly
[illegible] pieces that I find picking up, I
have been cast away - & I cut the
[illegible] large as I shall - as the pieces
will allow. Eee. Your faith has
[illegible] from the words "What
shall we do?" I cannot give you to
Nan. We have just rec'd a letter
from Geo. He is well has a house
engaged &c - [illegible]
from her eyes. So she has kept in a dark
room - & has not been at meeting for
several weeks.

It all alone. Not as well as usual yes-
terday, is today a little ill humor. Trust
that I shall be better tomorrow."
[illegible] steadily.

Harris Rider is no better. he went to
Concord to see a doctor, his wife with
him, about two weeks since. On the
way home, he had a distressed turn
& they were obliged to stop & stay
all night. Mrs Kimball told me
she thought he would die suddenly
in one of these spells. I do not know
how they operate. Oliver Wilson is
[illegible] failing fast. but I do trust
we have [illegible] has always appeared
well as a Christian. & will do as we
believe to the end. Harris I [illegible]

appear indifferent as to the future.
15. Miss Sarah H. has just called. I am expecting to take tea this afternoon at Mrs. Mc Clellans. She is an agreeable pleasant girl - but lacks the firm strong manly will Rider has been with Chas. Rider all winter, & he is engaged to continue with him this summer. All I have never seen him only at meeting & did not know who he was, till quite recently. When your father calls on these families & many others - he one is to be seen, but mothers & little children. Your father has been taking down books to sell & such a thing can be done.

Last week we rec'd a letter from your Uncle David - Charles has taken the home place at P. & Thomas boards with him - & he & wife have gone to Salt River to live with Mrs & Miss Copeland. Miss Ring lives in Barnstable & Sarah Jewell in your state in Delaware. Dear Ma continues to have not strength to write of Country &

Miss may a daughter a few weeks old.

Tuesday 16th I feel much better this morning than for many days before. Quite a snow storm on now.

One of my trials is to destroy all your good letters, taking [illegible] of a hundred like this day. I guess they were [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Yarmouth, Maine.
April 15, 1861.

Dear Brother.

Mother got the
peaches and melons. I was
absent yesterday at Lancaster
on exchange. It was a very rainy
morning yesterday, but cleared
off beautiful in the P.M. Congre-
gation however was quite
small all day. We are very glad
to hear from you again. I do not
know as I have written
directly to you since the news
as I was from. I have been very
busy here indeed. We have had
a great deal of sickness among
us and many deaths. I you
know I must be at home
in these hours of excitation.
I have made a wrote I delivered

a fast day sermon: perhaps it might be called a political sermon, for it was entirely with reference to the present state of our country. It's text was, "I beseech thee, turn the counsel of Ahithophel into foolishness." He spiritualized (?) thus, "I beseech thee, turn the counsel of traitors & rebels into foolishness." He commanded that we stand sword in hand, all ready for battle - but to have all, pray without ceasing. It is said, that a learned brother of the old fossil, "came out a little too strong" for some &c. But all this is no source of trouble to me. It was none too strong for truth. I am glad he spoke as he did. Only regret is that more "old fossils"

could not be "stirred up" by
false means. War has now
actually broken out. & there
are men even here in Yarmouth
who say, they would fight for
the South. & hope for Southern
victories. This is contemptible!
such men are good for nothing, any
where. They are traitors. My prayer
is that the Spirit of our fathers
may so dwell in us, & that we
may gladly, yea, shed our blood
if need be. That we may save
our selves fr. National degradation
& wrong. May God forbid that we
become a race of slaves & slave
masters!

We are glad your Children
have passed this disease so successfully. & that you
are now so well. Remember
me to Mrs & Charlie & May.
Tell the rameken boy anything you

please about Mrs. if only it is true.

We shall be very busy now till we are established in our house. We have rented a very nice house, stable, & garden. We hope to take possession about the first of June. The location is about a short mile up the meeting house. I should like to be nearer but there was no house that we could rent nearer. We shall keep a horse, so it will not make so much difference. The rent is higher than we shall want to pay many yrs. (1150.) I hope Mother will not get sick before it becomes necessary for us to go on next month to pack up &c. &c. & have begged Mother to stay there quietly letting all things alone as if she were to stay there always. Till I could come on & then we would decide. But you & know something of her spirit & do not expect she will follow my advice. I hope she will do so. At least as not to get sick.

Dr. Burbank is well & is a good friend to us. Mr. Howe to [illegible] to Jennie & Mr. Ober also are in usual health. Fanny is also troubled [illegible] I shall go [illegible] room & hope she will grow better in time. She sends love to you all. Your bro

George

Tecumseh, Mich. Nov. 5, '61.

Dear Children:-

The Sabbath seems particularly sacred to me, & especially this one. Six times have we passed thro' the circle of following a Lord & Saviour, & many times God has appointed that trial to us. May the voice of his Providence be, - It is enough. Now let these seasons of affliction be sanctified. May it effect us to wean our affections from earth, & fix them more entirely on things above.

My health has not been so good, since I had that turn of the blind head-ache, a little over a week since. My head has ached a good deal of the time ever since. I however continue to preach, & hope to hold out during the pres-

end months. Then I shall not feel as if I must spread when not able.

Your mother is very weak indeed, but we hope she will be able to go to Fortress Monroe, when we get there.

Secession is likely to be greatly repressed as it educates young men in the war for principle, & our national existence which we are compelled to maintain with the Southern rebels. Wm. Burton, Henry Caldwell & Henry Putney, as I understand, have all enlisted into the army. They are all young men of talents & high promise. May the Lord make them a great blessing to their country.

Father.

My dear children,

How much has our Heavenly Father dealt with you and us in our earthly pilgrimage. The time now has come to take three of the dearest days of each other from each of us, then we will be another with us till the little ones & your dear Mr. Flower are all laid in the dust to rest till they are called by the trumpet of God to rise. Three times after we were parents - we were left childless. Why you my dear children can make such an improvement of these repeated afflictions; as to need no more. After what Jennie wrote - I was not surprised to hear that the sweet babe had gone to the bosom of Jesus - sometimes I think in this day of horror & wickedness it is better to die than to live. Still again I believe it a privilege to live & fight for you. for Truth & Liberty. Then will not you all help fight the battle. Have we not a [illegible] Jesus will [illegible] Remember I love you all dearly. Pray [illegible] Pray God that we may meet in heaven. Mr. Flower has entirely

I have walked to meeting
the half of the time Miller & his
for the last time probably
with this Chh. at the table of
all blessed Communion. I was
a most season — I think you
might have had a weeping
family (as some were in tears at
room, anticipating this as the last
season of this kind that he will be
here. But he did not allude
to it. He that it would do them
no good to cry.

Tomorrow we expect Gen. J.
in eight days, may leave this
house — or more to call it home
I have more hope of being
able to preach tomorrow
than I had some weeks ago.
But my cough is distressing
I am most of the time distressed
& whenever I get home I feel my
poor company as with many of
my fellow travelers to Heaven
O! that nothing, nothing may prevent
us with my dear Saviour at his
table today, my soul can rest on
this one thing that He loves us
& that we might
be established with our children & kin-

dren to the end of generation. Love to all gone to work

Saco. Maine -
June 1. 1861.

My dear Bro. & Sister:

I catch this moment to commence a letter to you - I am here on exchange with Bro. Rice - an old Bangor acquaintance - I do not feel at all like preaching to morrow. For four weeks past I have done nothing at all at Study - scarcely anything but pack, unpack, move & set up goods - preparatory to House keeping. Father & Mother arrived safely last Wednesday - & we got into our house last night. The house at present is in a very confused state, tho' we can eat & sleep in it. An other week will bring us more quiet.

Mother was very much exhausted when she arrived - but came out bright the next morning & for anything that I can see she is as well as she was at Dumbarton some weeks ago. When we become settled, I have no doubt we shall be a very happy family - We think we have a fine situation - pleasant rooms &c &c.

The only unpleasant thought is, that we shall most likely be moving again in a year or two -

Our work has been very hard lately & I am sadly tired. I feel more like an over worked farmer - than like a minister - But we shall soon be through with this - at least for the present

& my muscles will not be always stiff –
Monday morn A nights rest restored my vigor somewhat. & I had a very good day of it yesterday. I think my physical exertions for a few weeks past have strengthened me for I did not feel as much fatigued yesterday as usual. & slept well last night wh. is not usual for me Saturday night.

When we got into our house Friday night we had no cooking stove so next morning we had a novel time of getting breakfast. We had wood, a fireplace with a crane, & a little brass kettle that I brought fr. Dunbarton but we had no hooks: so I got a chain halter fr. the barn & tied up the kettle to the crane & there we boiled our water for coffee, &c – We had good table & good dishes but I should have fared hard for food

had not our neighbors cared for us & sent us good bread.

Father & Mother & Thing are pleased with the house. & when we get settled I expect will be very happy. This is a great change for them. They cannot find all those little comforts & conveniences that they had accumulated at Dunbarton, but will be I trust very comfortable after all.

We should be very glad to receive a visit fr. any one, or all of you.

I leave here at about 12 o'clock. will not mail this till I get home. so as to give you the latest news fr. the family.

Tuesday I am sister have I written to you since your affliction? I cannot remember. I do deeply sympathize with you & was glad to see by your letter, that you were so resigned to God's will. May all your afflictions work together with your joys. for your good.

I am in great haste. will send much love to you

Your Bro.

George.

Yarmouth, June 10, 61.

Dear Children:-

We left Dunbarton,
May 24th, spent the night
at Dr. Colby's of Concord,
& here we had every pos-
sible attention, & our friends
may remain at this place.
Grand Mother stood the jour-
ney finely, & for ~~for~~ the
first day, after her arrival
at, appeared in her usual
health. She is about a week
since, & he had one of her
ill turns, from which
she may not get recover.
She is under the care of Dr.
Southard, who resides but a
few rods distant, & visits
her often. He thinks, she
will soon be better, & as

comfortable as usual. When
we arrived here George had
not commenced keeping
but began the next Saturday.
Of course every thing was
out of place, but soon as-
sumed a degree of order, &
we are now quite comfort-
ably situated.

You will ask, how are like?
a question which it may
take some time to answer.
The weather has been varied
for the season, compared with
what I have been used to.
The sea breezes feel rather
harsh. My health, however,
has been about as good as
usual, since my arrival here.
I cannot say yet, that I en-
joy being exempt from smok-
ing. I think like to smoke as
long as I am able, tho' I do not

considering my health, competent to meet the cares, labours & responsibilities of a family, & think I did right to join myself thereto. I shall never be so happy again, remains to be seen. My temporal wants, I have no doubt will be well supplied, & when I get used to my present situation, I may enjoy it.

Your mother has expressed herself remarkably contented, & expects she shall be. Our children, here, are kind & pleasant to us, & I doubt not will evince all necessary attention to our temporal wants, and, with, our Heavenly Father's blessing, we shall be happy.

George & Fannie join us in sending love, & say they would be glad to hear from

Stephen opinion. They are
taken up to make room
at present, but hardly get
near regular attention
here apparently.

After further
M. S. probable next time
I am. Matthew will write.

more contented for several weeks; Geo. he had really appeared happy. He has preached two Sabbaths at Yarmouth. That did him good. Dan'l Hall, he does not know that he ever preached once. I hope he will ever more be able to bring his mind to a consideration. He is as happy as I am, when he is one. My dear children often look in saying "What do you want any thing? Can I do any thing for you?" &c.

Our reading and conversation, who should we meet like an old friend, but Chas. Frost from your town. He called to see Father, I asked if it were not he. Father in his pleasant way did all attention to Father's son. Tell me Frost preached Yarmouth. He did not but I stop. I do not see how you can accomplish so much with out your girls. I expect Isaac, the beloved, stands behind & insinuates the best to take &c. I should like some of your good fruit, but nothing will be more desirable than the cream. Fanny has been making strawberry preserves, & she has made excellent bread. Their butter I believe has all been sent in very good order. They have a good many visits really to make & receive. Fan. glad Hilda is leaving us just. I think it will not be long before he will write a letter to his dear aunt & Uncle. Love & kiss for Lizzie and C. Kellogg. Yours loving Mother.

Yarmouth

George & Mother
Aug 8. 1861 July 11.

Sister Nettie:-

Mother has written you quite a letter, since she writes lying on her back. She is very patience indeed suffering & presume a great deal, yet never complaining. Tis a great pleasure to me to have here where I can do something for her. We try to do all we can tho'. Tho's seems to be very little I do not know that she is any worse than she has been for many weeks. Tho' she sometimes says she does not know but she is sinking down. The hot weather, I feel, will be a severe trial for her: if she lives Thro' it, very likely she will continue till another Summer. She has been in this state so long that we do not feel alarmed! But we know she is liable to pass away for.

as any day.

We are now quite settled in our house. We should love very much to welcome you all to our doors & our cosy rooms. My garden is looking finely. altho I did scarcely any thing to it till the first & second weeks of June.

I have as nice a study as I ever wish to have. & every thing is pleasant about us. Father Wells was here a few weeks since & spent one night with us. A friend of Fannie's is here now, Jr. Dedham. spending a week. We Expect Mrs. Wells soon.

You must excuse this short & hurried note. as I can spare no more time this morning. Much love to all your family & to Fannie's - Jr. Fannie & busy Bro. George.

Yarmouth, Maine.
Sept. 16. 1861.

My dear Lister-

I write again to keep you well informed of Our Mother's condition - You will notice by my date that I have suddenly returned fr. Dedham - Mother's appetite began to fail just about one week ago, since wh. time she has been rapidly failing. Father sent for Hannie & I last week Friday & we came by this morning's train. We have without doubt come home to see her die - She may linger a few days but I think not many. Her flesh is all gone - She is now

Skin & Bones: has failed very much since I started for Dedham. I said to her a few moments ago that I should write to you & asked if she had any message. Her only reply was "tell her how I am." Her mind is somewhat wandering & very weak, partly fr. medicine I presume. She is prepared & longs to go, & we all know that it must be joy to her to depart where there is no more pain.

I am yet very weak & very lean. tho' I am gradually gaining.

Father is troubled a good deal with his old complaint yet he is still able to supply my pulpit.

Fannie is well — I

will add a line in the morning respecting Mother - Good night -

Tuesday Morning. Mother is still alive this. She has passed a very poor night & has changed somewhat since we retired. Pasted her again if she had any message to you - & she say - "No - only what I have always taught live for God & for Heaven"!

Is it not well to be able to say this at the hour of death. "only what I have always taught," Would we all my live so that our last hours shall not be crowded with messages recreating what we have taught during our lives. She must soon go - The next letter will probably bring you such news -

But my dear Darius -

we hope that Our Mother's
God is our God, & he will
sustain us at this hour.
Of Course Jennie will read
this letter. She may consid-
er it to herself as much
as to anyone - Love to you
all fr. Jennie, Father
Mother & Br. George.

Yarmouth Oct 2nd /61.

Dear Sister Nettie,

We should love to have you with us now to talk of things we are all interested in but the pen would do its unjust work for the present. George and Father have written you concerning Mothers illness and death all that is necessary. I suppose but there are many things very pleasant to remember which are daily called to mind. I feel more and more that a blessing (as this day with this mail. Summer has been to me. That seemed perfectly united from the very first. The Lord

supposed it would be very hard for her to leave old friends in Dunbarton and her old home, to live among strangers and with such different surroundings; but we heard no word of regret from her lips. Our church, people and even our sewing circle seemed to have a large share of her love and interest. She sent her admission fee to the circle, and talked with those who are members of the female prayer meeting — won the hearts of all who saw her, even to the little children who chanced to come here. Birds and flowers & sunshine all seemed to minister to her happiness. She failed very gradually — I could only know it by the fewer days of ride that she passed. Less than a fortnight before she died, while we were at Dedham, she ate dinner as usual with the family. Still the very latest time

possible, kept busy with her sewing and letters. The only thing that seemed to grieve her was that she should be a care to others.

We only begin to feel our loneliness now, shall feel it more and more as the days pass and we realise that she will be with us no more.

I have packed away all the clothing and some other things which will remain so till you come and make your own disposal of them.

George gains rather slowly. He was very sick – the Dr. says it needed a little lower sinking to make it a fair for recovery. So we ought and to expect a very rapid recovery though now it seems rather tedious. With much love to your husband and children.

Yours affectionately

Jennie McCulloch

George -
Yarmouth Nov 2

Elyria Nov 6 —

Yarmouth, Maine,
Nov. 2. 1861.

My dear Sister Nettie:-

My cup of happiness has been dashed to the ground. This morning tears fill my eyes & my heart is sad. Do not be alarmed: there has been no new death in the family, but hear me.

Last spring Father & mother purposed to come & live with me. I was full of joy. I anticipated much happiness I worked hard, & enjoyed it much, to move them &c. I. & get them comfortably situated there. & when it was done I promised myself years of pleasure. I felt that my old home ~~& home~~

had come to me. But soon Mother was taken fr. me. One hope was crushed. But one remained - My Father was with me, & immediately I began to plan how I could do most for his comfort & it was a great pleasure to have him to plan & work for. But now he has left me. This morning he started for Westboro. & we shall not probably see him again all winter. He has been ill at ease ever since he left D. Has complained bitterly of the climate - thinks it the coldest in the world - & the most shaded by cloud fr. the sunlight. Since Mother's death he has been very discontented. He said himself - "I feel like a wanderer - I do

not know where to go - nor what to do with myself - It seem as if there was no place for me." And now he has started on a pilgrimage - If he feels able he will reach Elysium sometime this Fall.

I suppose his leaving Dumbarton & all its associations - & Mother's death & his consequent loneliness makes him feel as he does - & I think has affected him for more than climate But to me this last is a very great affliction - it's a heavy blow. All my happiest expectations are nipped in the bud. I felt that I could not let him go. But of course it was my duty to yield. I am willing to submit to anything that will add to his comfort & happiness. But I am

afraid he will not find
much more real happiness
this side the grave —
He has gone for us with scarcely
any baggage to spend the winter.
I could not persuade
him to take any thing
more. He will certainly
want many of the things
he has left behind. I wish
I could see you & have a
good talk. I cannot write
to satisfy myself at all.
If Heather gets to Elgin & is
happy I shall be glad for your
sake & for his. Sometimes I
fear I have not done all I
might have done for his comfort
& to make him contented. but I
certainly have tried to do so.
It seems as if half the house was
gone. Now Mother's death comes
back afresh. For we are left quite
alone. May the blessing of God go with
our dear Heather! My own health
is quite good now. & tomorrow
I shall attempt for the first time
in 3 months. to address my own
people. Write us soon — Much love to
Jeannie & Bro. George —

Hoddiston, Mass. Nov. 1, '61.

Dear Children:

In a letter to Herbert & Jennie mailed this day, I have stated some particulars concerning my present residence & my reasons for not visiting Elmira now, (,) here, which I need not repeat in this letter, as you will doubtless see that.

I thank you Jennie for your good letter addressed to one from Decoine. The sympathy & kind words of friends are gratefully received, but I feel my loss more & more as time elapses. It seems more & more a stern reality that I am left alone, no more to enjoy the society, the sympathy & the affection, now

of that loving & best beloved friend,
with whom I had so long divided the joys & sorrows of life. You, my dear children, as well as myself, know what it is to part with dear little ones, who have wound themselves, as it were around your hearts. But to part with the companion of one's bosom, bound to you by every tie of affection, & identity of interest, this a long course of years, - becoming, as it were, a part of yourself, - this, of all bereavements, is the greatest; and, instead of growing less severe by the lapse of time, increases in magnitude, as you feel more & more, from day to day, your sense of loneliness & desolation. Ah! I feel that ~~I feel that~~ I have but little more happiness to enjoy in this world, except that which

is denied from personal sight of the world to come. - Finding the climate decidedly unfavourable at Yarmouth, I have come to this place, & taken up my residence with my brother. Here I have every desirable accommodation. My brother's family consists of himself, wife & daughter. His daughter is out of health, without any prospect of health being restored. My brother & wife are quite aged, - he 76, & She 72 years of age. They are both very kind, willing to do every thing in their power to promote my happiness. My wants are all well supplied, so far as they can be in my present bereaved state, for which I feel bound to be very grateful to my heavenly Father. Let me hear from you very soon.

Yours truly

Father
Hollidaysburg Nov 7
1861

Nov 11—

Holliston, Ms. Nov. 19, 1861.

Dear Children:

I received your letter a day or two since, and as I expect to go to Westboro tomorrow to be gone about a week, I thot I would write you to-day, tho' I have but a short time to write, as I happen to have other letters to write before I leave for W. After my return home from my visit at Westboro, I will write to Harbard & Fannie, as I have letter I received the same day I received yours.

In regard to your proposition to visit Elgin next Spring, it would afford me unspeakable pleasure, if I could do it with safety to

my health. By the way, is
that a good time in the year
for me to visit in that di-
rection? I am strongly
that I should wisely not to
go this winter, as I cannot en-
dure much exposure, & had al-
ready commenced cold weather
with a hard cough. Since my
arrival here, my health has im-
proved; my cough has nearly
left me, & my diarrhea is
also better. But I find it dif-
ficult to keep up good spirits,
separated as I am from all
my acquaintances & friends ex-
cept my brother's family, who
feel as kind as they can be, &
as means afford all the society
that is desirable, to one trained
& associated, as I have been. But
I shall try to adapt myself
to my condition as well as I
can, & endeavor to be happy
with my heavenly Father's presence.

It is your cousin Sarah who is at home. She has very poor health. Harriet resides at Roxbury in Mr. Holman's family, the husband of your cousin Maria.

I feel very grateful for the affectionate interest, & kind expressions of sympathy, from friends. It is a balm to my spirit, & makes me feel, that after all, I am not friendless, tho' left alone.

Shall you not, ere long, dear Nettie, visit New England? I hope you will, with Isaac with you. But to see all the dear Franklin children, & how you are all living, I suppose I must go to you, which I do very much hope I may be able to do sometime. Write often. I love to hear about those little ones, & all about your family concerns, as you used to write when you lived at Gardiner.

Yours

Yarmouth, Nov. 25, 1861.

My dear Sister—

My last letter to you was written in a very sad strain, when tears flowed freely for my eyes. & every thing looked dark to me. Perhaps I ought not to have troubled you with my feelings. & should not, if I had waited a few days before I wrote. But the morning Father went away was a very sad one to me. It brought Mother's loss fresh to my feelings. & as I could find neither Father nor Mother about the house it seemed for a little time, as if thick darkness had settled upon me. & all my happiness was removed. But I have since grown quite happy. I knew that my loss would be your gain

if our dear Father should
go to Elyria - & I also knew that
I ought to be contented - to let him
go where he could be the happiest
& most contented. & as soon as
the fountain of my immediate
grief was somewhat run out -
I yielded to my reason - & have
since made the best of it.
Father has now fairly settled
down for a time in Holliston
We lately sent him a bureau
full of his things & a lounge - &
shall by & by send him some
more of such things as will
comfort him.

I feel with you that he ought
to be with one of his children,
but I have long since promised
myself that while Father had
his reason - I would not
oppose his own desires - where
he wants to go - & where he

wants to stay - unless there are serious objections - I shall feel that he better be gratified.

As to his cough, he did not feel that it was so very hard. He was hoarse & hacked a little - & he worried for morning till might over it. But we did not hear him cough as other people cough at all, no doubt his cold was very troublesome to him. & with his sensitiveness - would be a great affair. He writes now of being better in every respect for wh. I am heartily glad.

He was not dismissed for D. till Mr. Haywood was settled there of Mr. H. I know nothing - only that he has for many years been a School teacher - Principal of Academies &c —

My own health is now quite good - tho I am not fully restored - I now perform all the duties of my office after a fashion - I feel that I am a very poor minister & possible might make a good farmer, & sometimes feel that for the good of the people I had better make a change - yet I do feel after all that God has called me to this work & that I have no right to leave it at present. I hope all my disciplin will make me a better man - & wiser to win souls — Thanksgiving day we took dinner with one of our good sea Captains - who is spending the winter at home, & supped at Old Dr. Burbank's; besides, we had a goose given us - wh. we have been eating at ever since - I preach Thanksgiving day fr. the words "He that stealeth a man & selleth him xxx shall surely be put to death"; Subject - Slavery - I used plain words & talked 1 ½ Minutes - Much love fr. Fannie & Bro. George.

Hollision, Nov. 29, 61.

My very dear Nettie:-

I have just read your kind, affectionate letter. I assure you, the very decisive evidence I have, that you love me, with a true & strong filial affection, greatly adds to my happiness.

You ask several questions, which I will now answer. I am boarding very near Church: Mr. Tucker is the minister. My brother's wife has no help, but does every thing for me that a mother or sister could. I do not know, dear Nettie, as there is any thing you can do, for me, at your distance, except

love me, & write to me. My cough has ceased to give me trouble, – I am more happy than I was. I find I still have dear friends, tho' the dearest has departed.

I love to hear you tell me about those dear little boys, & dear little May. Tell them grand-ma sends them a great deal of love. Love also to your husband.

And now I will tell you some news. I have made arrangements to take up my abode at Brother Holloway Brigham's at North-boro next Spring, as a permanent residence. What do you think of that? This is one reason why I am more cheerful, that I can have a home among those dear friends whom I love

so long loved & who are more precious than ever to me, since the clearer of her, whom, more than 40 years since, I took from their circle. My heart's affections cleave to that circle of friends, & the idea of being with them, & having a home with them, has taken away, in a good measure, that sense of utter desolation & exile, which before oppressed me. — It is true I am well cared for here; but my brother's wife tho' full of kindness & attention, is quite aged, & not in very good health, & really unable to afford me the kind attentions & lectures, and I could not, at any rate, calculate on any thing more than

quite a temporary home here. Had I known that I could get the accommodations I now look for-ward to, I should not have stopped here, except for a very few hours visit. But I supposed none of my dear Edom or North-comb friends could have any room for me, having hardly enough for themselves. But very unexpectedly, brother Calloway's wife offered me their parlor chamber, &c. will accommodate me well. And then such a family,- so cheerful, so kind, so affectionate. Bless the Lord, O my soul, how a home like this is in my old age! The family of brother A. when I was there, consisted of himself, & wife, & his daughters, Mary & Victoria,- lovely children,- just as kind to me as they can be, & ready to do any thing in their power for my comfort.

Pain just now, trouble again in the throat. This complaint is so like when me that I greatly fear it will prevent me from attempting a long journey. Lord, grant that

Appendix.

Dear Nettie:- What shall I do with your mother's wearing apparel? Hannie, (Geo's wife,) says it belongs to me to dispose of it, - being the own daughter. I should have spoken to you about it sooner, but did not like to introduce the subject. I would just say, that as I expect to make it my home at Brother Holloway's, & he has been quite inconveniently burdened with debts, which still remain unsettled, except in part, I shall feel quite an interest in doing favors to that family. I have myself, made no disposition whatever of these things, & shall wait to know Geo's wishes. Please state them. - Father.

P. S. I suppose Maria is quite displeased on her letter for the means of procuring her clothing, tho' it is true she is a diligent worker in the family, & has a kind of claim.

little cold. Jeans got the cold from me the last time and the little boys came in and dressed Father day he is going to bed. The "crew" upon which Jeans is now
dear Mother came, and Mrs Davis & Mrs Charlie Clapp & Mrs Charlie Clapp & Mrs Charlie Clapp

& a new decision with. Which he
seems to be quite delighted; but
which I feel quite inclined to
sorrow over - I am afraid he
will feel disappointed and troubled
if I do not seem pleased too, about
his proposal to abide at Uncle
Galloway's - but I think I shall
say nothing about it - only urge
him to come out here, and
see us in the spring. He writes
of his cough as better & health as
usual only an occasional attack
of diarrhea -

Glad you ~~both~~ had so good a
time Thanksgiving day - We all
thought - of you - Dr DeWitts family
and also Mr E. Brooks, wife, and
baby were with us on our Thanks
giving day - We had, as we thought
a fast day rather than a Thanks
giving discourse - delivered by
the former pastor of the Baptist

church here. Ca very good ser-
mon, only taking rather the
gloomy view, throughout, of the
war, and the country generally.
He did not take the ground as some
have done, and we think correctly,
that in the war itself is the great
occasion for thankfulness.

Jenny was here yesterday and
spent most of the day. They are
well as usual. Our own little
ones are well now. Little May
has had a severe cold, but is
much better now.

I supposde you are both at meeting
to day, doing good doubtless. Have
you a S. S. class, Sister Jennie? I should
love to know just how and what you
do. to get a little more acquainted
with your home and you daily life.
But I do not know when this may be.
It is pleasant to think that, away down East,
I have a brother George and sister Jennie.

both body and active, loving and
loved, - each day filled, to them as to us,
with cares & duties & pleasures - I wonder
if you ever feel, with me, that you
are only learning how to live. Not
really living. It is so easy to sit and
think how one should have done.

Monday 9 Dec. As warm as New
Eng. May, is the weather here to day.
But we may have cold days enough
hereafter to pay for it all. The
little folks enjoy it. Wilder & Charlie
have been gathering hemlock cones
in the grove most of the P. M. They
brought into the house a large quantity,
wishing mother to be very careful
of them - "Now," they said, "you won't
throw them away, will you, mother
I said "No - but why must I not"
"Why mother," Wilder said, "we have
taken a great many pains to
get them for you" - Little May had
quite a cry, the other day, about the

Hattiston, Dec. 16, 1861.

Dear Nettie: Yours of Dec. 9, was received, in wh. you express your strong desire to have me visit Keyaia next Spring. It would afford me more pleasure than I can express to do so, if I were well enough. But I shall be under a kind of necessity to go to Yazoo Mounts in the Spring to attend to the things which I left all unsettled, with the expectation of returning soon to attend to them. There are things of mine scattered over the house, which I wish to collect, and take away to my new residence, and my most important papers are still there. I shall also feel obliged to go to Dumbarton on business. There is quite

a number of items of business wh. demand my attention there. And these journies, which I see not how to get rid of, will be as much, or I fear more, than my health will be sufficient to meet. I dread to undertake them, on account of my health, but feel that I must, if possible, attend to the business connected with them.

In view of the circumstances, I must give up, all idea of going to Elyria in the Spring; tho' to do so, is to submit to very great self denial. And I must say, that my visit there at all, is growing more & more doubtful. The great obstacle in the way is my Chronic diarrhea, which actually unfits me for being away from home one night, especially on a journey. If I could possibly get to Elyria, - there would be the journey back again, & I don't

know or I shall ever have the courage to run the risk of taking two such journies.

My diarrhea, just now, is better than it has been since last winter. My health is quite as good as usual now. But I can place no dependence on it for one day. The disease comes upon me suddenly, & unaccountably.

In regard to your dear mother's clothing, I think you better write to Jennie immediately, & ascertain what there is, & in what state. If there is any thing that you or Jennie want, I shall with pleasure all means to have you have it, in preference to any other person, or persons. The whole matter I commit entirely to your disposal. What you mother said about gifts to you & Laura, was said during her sickness before Jennie's marriage, & with the expectation of dying

at that time. During her last sickness, she said nothing about any gift to her sister Maine. And I suppose there is no obligation in that direction, & that it is meant for an option to bestow any thing on her, or not, as you think proper. In the first sickness alluded to, your mother sent word to her sister Maine that she wished her to have her best silk dress. but it was with the expectation that she was then about to die. The dress I suppose would be very too fine for your pretty little Maine, as she is so much taller than your mother was.

Your mother left some silver spoons for you, & some for Jennie, & Jennie did wish for me to take along to you this winter, expecting when I left Yarmouth that I should visit you this winter. The spoons are here, & will remain in my possession till I can in some way, get them in to your hands. I earnestly hope you will visit East ere long. Shall you not?

I love to hear about those dear little children. Their sayings must amuse & please you very much. Give my love to them, & to Frederick.

Affec. Father.

~~Patient Grace and simplicity of the~~
~~Christian character.~~

as usual, any power. She said, that
she had received instructions
from God; that, of course, the earth is
in the grounds of the Lunatics,
but she had told him, that as
there was only one son, she wished
him to share with the rest in the
distribution." I observed, that a round
sum might then be wanted than
was at present called for. Betsy or
Jennie should come, and then
they could have as much as they
thought fit to ask for. Perhaps
she would come little by little and
so gain as much as she could. I
should value for the sake; and
ever since then that would be
the case if there was anything
they would decide for themselves.
Betsy seemed pleased at the
decision to leave the matter with
them, and we had no more con-
versation on the subject. She had

Dear Son, I am ill, and to see
you, dear boy, would have cured me
sooner than anything else could.
Oh, my dear boy, if you knew
what a mother's love is, you
would be of priceless value in
time of need.

Now, I am the mother of
a child George is always with me
in spirit, yet I do not see him
before me all the division of articles.
I now leave that which belongs
rightfully to that child to those
daughters, and I desire my little bible
which I got from my dear husband
to my dear son, and I shall
take great pleasure in sending it
him, provided I live as long as I shall
live. If you wish me to do anything
I will most cheerfully. If you
feel lonely and open the bible that
I now send you, open it at the 23rd
Psalm and read over and over again
to the love you have for me
this is all I can for you. Comfort
If you should ever be sick, it would
give me pleasure to provide nurse
and comfort for you. Our family is
as well as usual, and the baby is
as interesting as ever, bids fair to

there is a plain face veil, Utah- will stand

George to share with him as he pro-
tended, and that gave Edward
what to do with every thing as well
as anybody. I told him I should
have certainly Hagen or Jeanie
should have had both. Jeanie
could take care of them, that
would be the best, but
he wanted me to, Edward
is getting on very well indeed
he can read the Bible and
pronounce it. Then Annie
position here as pupil
present, Isabella and he
are in the first class. Isabella
keeps me constantly sewing
the cloak and petticoats
for me, with the dimity
sheets &c. I would not
have had it for anything
in the world, but I am
thankful to have it done
at last.

Yarmouth. Jan. 13. 1862.

My dear Sister:—

I often feel that I would like to write you more frequently. But I have so much writing to do, & so many calls to make &c. &c. that I write letters only fr. necessity. We have received yours with much pleasure, & are very glad you are all so well. Fannie & I live here all alone. She in the kitchen & I in the study—a good part of the time. We do not feel lonesome in the least as I know of. As for myself I have more on hand all the time than I can accomplish. & so I have no time for regrets or to think of unnecessary things.

Hannie has written Father concerning Mother's clothes, & will probably receive ans. before long, when she will write to you. Our dear Father has some singular notions. He scarcely seems like himself. I do not know what to do with him. He left here as he said on acct. of climate But he has not had better health for many yrs. during the Summer than he had last Summer. We cannot feel that the climate had so much to do with him as other things. But his own mind seems fixed upon this point. And I suppose if he should come here to visit he would imagine himself growing ill all the while. I do not love

to have him away fr. his children. I can take care of him just as well as not. I have house room enough & shall continue to have. & I do not love to have him in Mass. If he should be sick. I should wish to be with him. but could not be if he were in Mass.

I hope he may yet return again. For God has situated me just right to take care of him & give him a home. & I want to do it. But at present my hope is rather against hope.

Cousin Maria would be able to make no use whatever of our Mother's clothes. I should think. They belong to you I should suppose. & are at your disposal.

My health is now quite good. I take care of my own pulpit - exchanging frequently - close confinement in my room - is slow death to me - perhaps not very slow either. I am obliged to seek open air much. I cannot therefore spend the time on my sermons that I want to, that I need to, to make much of them & am sometimes discouraged but I hope Lord may bless my poor efforts - to the salvation of souls. Much love to you all. to Wilder & Charlie, & May, & Henry, & Sister Jennie &

Bro. George

Cattaraugus Jan. 15, 1862.

Dear Lettie:-

I have just received a letter from Jennie, (Lizzie's wife,) in relation to your winter clothing - which I enclose. You will perceive that she does not care to have in the distribution, & wish now to have Ben & Jennie consult about it, & send just such articles to her as you please, & she will carry out your wishes. If you cannot write, & you come East this way, perhaps you better have that you want conveyed to you by Express or some other way, one long. Shall the matter rest with you?

Write to us.

I have just made another visit to my friends at Northborough Westboro, having been gone ten days. I stopped a week at Holliston and returned last evening. I found Sister Lucy and the babe in health. That she has taken on some months past. Susie is a little improving, tho' she is very feeble. Jane is, I fear, in bad health.

I shall be obliged to deny myself the pleasure of going to Glynn next Spring, as it is necessary I should go to Yarmouth & Denham. Brother, I should be as glad to go to Glynn as any, and should to have me, if practicable. I want very much to see you all at home. But Providence must direct the journey.

The house at Denham is not yet sold, & is not likely to be just at present. My successor in the ministry, Rev. Sylvanus Hayward, likes it, & would like to have it. The house was sold by Coys, very soon after I left Yarmouth.

You will see by Jennie's letter that they are quite discouraged. I feel quite at home with them at Yarmouth. But I am more than satisfied with the decision I have made to reside at Northboro in brother Salisbury's family. I think it one of the most healthy spots that can be found in New England, and I am entirely satisfied that location at Yarmouth, is very objectionable to me & to them. I could not live there with comfortable health. Well, love to you all, the little ones included. My health is comfortable. Have no cough. Father.

Holliston, March 17, 61

Dear Nettie:

I believe I have received two letters from you, since I have written. You are very good to write, & I feel grateful for your kindness.

Last week I had a visit from George, & was very glad to see him. He said he did not come to visit, but on special business, viz. to see if he could persuade me to return to Yarmouth, & make it my home with him. It was very sad to deny him, as he seemed very earnestly to desire my return. My answer was in the following words: —

"Following, as I believe, the course plainly pointed out by the

finger of Divine Providence, I have decided on a certain course. The conviction that I have decided right is full & unwavering, & beyond the shadow of a doubt. And I cannot change my purpose, without going contrary to my own mature judgment, & in face of all my convictions of what is wise & best. I have suffered much in feeling even the necessity of coming to such a conviction of duty; but I submit to it as a providential necessity, in which I am bound to acquiesce. — Borne down as I am with age & infirmities, should I return to Yarmouth to take up my residence, I should never expect to be able to change it; but I should re-

town with a firm belief that I was pursuing a course that would prove injurious to my health, & shorten my days."

It was very painful to Mr. K. such a reply, & thus to disappoint all his hopes in making the journey here. But I am more & more convinced, from the experience I have had since I left Maine, that the climate of Massachusetts is very much better for my health than either Maine or New Hampshire. I have had the most comfortable winter here, I have had for a great many years, having been much free from any cough or cold. I told George I suffered a good deal more in the summer in Maine with cold, weather & rain, & have here in the winter:

My health is what I call good for me. I preach occasionally. A week ago last Sunday, by special request, I preached for the Baptist Minister in this place, having preached for the congregational minister several weeks ago. About a month since, I preached for Dr. Joseph Medway, my old teacher in theology. Yesterday I was expected to preach for Mr. Sanford of Medway, had it not been a stormy day. I still enjoy preaching very much.

I am now expecting the society at Dunbarton, or individual members of it, will purchase my house for a parsonage, & that the writings will be drawn when I go there in April next. Price, for buildings & land, 1350 dollars. I am low, but all I can get. I hope I shall continue to write often. I love to hear from you & all about my family. Love to them all, & a great deal for yourself & Mr. Gaither.

Nashville March 29, 62.

Dear Children! —

Your letter received yesterday, & I am glad to hear its reception. I love to hear from you often. Tell little Ed that grandpa rejoices with him in his success in getting his "Record of Merit." And so he likes to hear, I can give an account of myself & Ray.

I expect soon to go to Lynchburg in June or July, & I have requested George to keep Ray supplied with bread & clothing till I come there, because I am sitting Spoons and Forks home, & I want to put them into the handle, & likewise some photographs of myself & Ray.

dear departed mother. Mine was taken just before I left Yarmouth, & is pronounced by everyone, to be a very good one. Your mother's was taken from a Daguerreotype since I came to this place, the likeness of which is very fair, but the surrounding is not so. But these may be greatly improved by a pencil. I think you will value them, & I shall have some handsome dresses, so that I can just them in.

I will write to Fannie about the dressing gown, & as soon as they can be sent.

I can have my sewing done quite as well & better, & at less charge, in the best manner.

I had a large supply of shirts when I left Yarmouth, &

shall have no occasion to buy, I think, till the war is over. & not buy them ready made.

I have no regular correspondent at Dunbarton, but have exchanged letters quite often with Dea. Burnham on business.

In regard to my place at Dunbarton, I have actually sold it, and sold my wood-lot also — Home place for $13,5'c, — wood-lot for $318, — I believe it is thought that I sold pretty well, tho' I know that my home place was worth more. But I was convinced that I ought never set it, for accounts, if I helped it, & I did not want the trouble of keeping it in repair, & paying the taxes on it.

In regard to your proposition, Isaac, to take my money at 10 per cent, I would say, that before your letter was received, I had promised most of it, but I think I can get three hundred dollars for you in July next, if that would answer your purpose. Please write immediately whether you wish me to do so, & I will make my calculations accordingly.

My health is now pretty good for me. Last week I visited Mr Edson & Northrop, Branch at Westboro on the Sabbath. I think I once enjoyed myself very well at my new home, when I got there. Brother Holloway's family is one of the most cheerful & kind families I ever met with, & all my friends both in Westboro & Northboro, are as kind to me as it is possible for any friends to be, for which I thank God. Love to you all.

Martha.

Yarmouth, Apr. 29. 1862

My dear Sister;

Your letter came yesterday & was gladly received. I have been very busy lately, & cannot tell how long it is since I wrote to Elyria. The doctrine of Annihilation has troubled some few of my Ch. members. The Adventist here hold that doctrine & two of my Ch. members in their love for something different fr. what I preached, have been in the habit of running away to the Advent house. One of these, had told me she believed in Annihilation. As things stood I felt it to be my duty to look the matter up. I accordingly set myself to studying the arguments

of the advocates of that doctrine & also to look about for answers thereto. The result of this study I presented before my people in a series of five sermons - wh. I closed last Sabbath - The adventists, whom I did not have in mind when preparing my sermons, have appropriated the whole series to themselves & I am now quite popular among them in a very unpopular way - One of their Elders came & heard my 3d sermon - & took vigorous notes all the forenoon. Monday handbills were posted all over town announcing that my sermon would be reviewed & replied to on Tuesday evening. I suppose they had a good time of it - for Thursday morning of the same week - a new issue of

hand bills were posted announcing that "By Request", the performance of annihilating Mr. Putnam, would be repeated on Friday evening. All this was done last week - & that I might understand the matter a handbill was brought to my door & placed in my hand. They have also sent me various tracts & pamphlets - in the hope I suppose of converting me. But I take no notice of them. I preached my last two sermons last Sabbath - & whether or not they will take any more notice of me - remains to be seen.

I have said nothing about Adventism neither have I in any way cast any reflections on any of our Town - I have dealt strictly with the doctrine of Annihilation but as it appears they love this so well that I have stirred

this next. I rather think the storm is all over now, at any rate I have done.

There is in my own parish a good degree of seriousness. Three have lately hoped in Christ & many others are anxious. I hope many will soon become followers of Jesus.

When I visited Hatfield I went only to Hollister - stopped only two nights - I went to invite Hatfield to come & live with me this Summer - & try our climate once more - But he was unchangeable in his purpose - He has been very pleasantly situated during the winter - & I hope when he gets settled in Northboro' he will be as happy as he seems to have been - thus far - in Mass.

as to the Parsonage. The people are at work upon it making such repairs as seem necessary. We shall not probably be able to go into it before June. It is very near the Church & we expect to be very pleasantly situated as well as conveniently. Fannie & I are alone - except as now & then some one drops in - My health during the winter has been very good indeed - much better than a year ago.

We shall not think of going East this year - My vacation must be taken at a cheaper rate. Fannie is painting now a days (oil paintings) She has been in Portland for three weeks in "Brown's studio". Is done this week - but expects

to go in again next week -
She has already some very
pretty pictures - She is now
at work on a small one
down stairs - She love this
business, & I am fond of good
pictures. If she is successful
She will furnish our house
with these ornaments - I suppose
Father will visit us in June
or July - I wish we could all
meet each other once in a
while, but we are so scattered
& so busy each in our own
way - that we cannot often
enjoy this privilege - Much love
to Isaac, Jennie & Herbert Jr.
Hannie & George -

Yours Bro.

George.

We have one of your monochromatic pictures
Willie. What shall we do with it. When we send
the box of things, we can get a box large enough
to contain it & send it frame & all - or
send it without the frame - Please send orders.
We shall not send the box till Father comes - for he
has some [illegible]

family, as we have had a most comfortable
it has to be for all concerned, but the
arrangements are all complete & his poor
child was our first object & comfort &
for him and what anxieties & fears & trials
& H one removed and pleasantness that & thankfulness
May dear Mrs Bowen this is our second Christ-
mas for me with Florence, and yet with
everything it seems very strange to me not
to be with Fix Bridge & our dear spot for a home
as I have told him my feelings, told him
it would be very happy home to have him
down there and if convenient to come as,
to be as very first as the letter that
it left out to the end, as how the first
was to be done, I feel I could never
be sorry as ours, as responsible upon me
& my home & hope, but in consulting with
your friends, he said "I shall not always have
the opportunity even if I have I should
prefer to be upon the spot," your feelings
are how best for very quiet as indeed
I feel for you very quiet as indeed & you must

he said he wished me [illegible] one more moon and he should not [illegible] and his wife [illegible] to [illegible] and [illegible] upon to [illegible] after she died it seems [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

give us grace and strength to work in it, and ask your prayers for us, in this case, that we may do our duty, if I can be take charge of our little affairs I know of none. I would be willing to take into our home, as your father says he is a servant of God, and I have no doubt he will be with us of this home, and long for his own family, but we will have it out with you, your visit of his family. Sister has just been home on a visit, he starts again for Paris the next week, he is for choosing purchase for his location Belknap. Lyon is in the milk business in Bristol, he is now very well, Carl has been 3 years (to spring) in 15 months, was very sick his life despaired of. Hattie commenced school this week in our district, she took this school to please us, and your father was engaged for music, then he settle is not yet now has not been since she had scarlet fever last summer. Marie is at home, and will remain with us if Dode lives as I cannot spare her, - the home circle (the state of our county), the Lord is sorely visiting us for our transgressions and not this only, as I hope this is the step to abolish slavery, but not what a sacrifice of life in our state, Tennessee I fear, your boys, your dear brother, as an editor, can be proud, but we trust he is where the wicked cease from troubling, and the weary are at rest. He was like a shock of corn fully

Concord, May 6, 1862.

Dear Isaac:

I enclose you a Draft of three hundred dollars, having succeeded in collecting that sum sooner than I expected when I wrote you last. Thinking you might want it, I forward it forthwith.

I have four hundred dollars now in the Savings Bank, Concord, which I will take out & forward to you in July next, if you wish it. Please write me immediately on receiving this, & tell me whether you want it. You will, of course, forward me a note for the $300, as I now send.

I have just been spend-

ing about two weeks at Dunbarton, & preached three Sabbath before last. To-morrow I go to Pembroke to visit my brother Rufus; shall stop one day, & then proceed to Northboro, Mass. to take up my abode. My health is about as usual. Much love to Nettie, & all of you, from

Yours truly,

John M. Putnam.

Mr. Isaac S. Metcalf,

Olympia, Ohio.

Northboro, May 10, 1862.

Dear Nellie:—

Yesterday, I returned from my visit in New Hampshire. My friends all received me glad to see me, & I enjoyed seeing them but I suffered somewhat from exposure, & got some cold, & was not so well as when at home.

On Tuesday, May 6, I mailed at Canton, N. H. a Draft of three hundred dollars on Shawmut Bank, Boston, for Isaac, which I trust he has received ere this, & that I shall hear from him in return very soon.

I assure you I feel very glad to get here, to take up my abode where I have the kindest care & attention from friends so cheerful, & so affectionate towards me.

Your cousin Harriet Newell

written her mother's when I was at Manchester, & I told her about the letter I had wrote her, which was not answered. She received the letter, & said she felt very grateful for it; but the state of her eyes did not allow her to write to her friends; & she requested me to state this fact to you; & she reminded me that she requested me to make this same apology to you, every time after she received your letter, which I had forgotten to do. So I was to blame rather than she, for your not hearing from her.

My health is now better than when I was at Dunbarton, having nearly recovered from my cold. There was much sickness after you in Dunbarton, & I know not how many deaths there were to it. I found there is usual health at Heather Cottage.

Yours.

I received your last letter, (friend) yesterday.

to you to write first yourself, I thought he would not be so much astonished, I should have sent you some lines here sent for you, but if you cannot be pleased to any one to be constantly writing, this our first complaint I hope when you write to your dear father you will keep us a line, the girls would write if possible, but Lin is busily engaged in preparing our bonnets and dresses for spring, she has all this work to do, as we have never yet been to get such work done, so that has had to be dispatched and millinery, I presume you have heard from your brothers lately, I say it not as well, but lately had an ill turn the rest all well, I forbear I must tell you it is beautiful to see more tender your father, notwithstanding the memory of his dear departed wife, have he was greatly he writes of her, I think her visit was a very, very, Ruth has just read your letter, and says your speedy writing to me so much matter since, I do not wonder you have thought strange but this will explain

Northboro, May 19, 1862.

Dear Isaac:

Yours, with note of $300, came safe to hand on Saturday eve; 17th inst. In regard to the other $400, the case is thus: The Bank makes it's Dividends of interest only twice a year, - in Jan. & July. On this account, I have delayed my journey to Yarmouth a month, with a view to go by way of Concord in July & take out the money at that time. Should I delay till December, I shd. receive no interest at all, for the middle of July till that time. This is the reason I did not take the money out in May, when I was at Concord, - I should

then have lost the interest from Jan. to May. From this statement, you will perceive that it will not be best to delay; & you may expect the money will be forwarded pretty soon after the middle of July.

The Bank issues only four per cent interest to those who withdraw their deposits; but by leaving the money in long enough to share in the dividend of the surplus funds to be made in 1865, the percentage would probably be increased one third or more. But as your offer will make all this up, I have decided to withdraw my deposits.

I find myself quite comfortable here, - receiving, as I do, every attention & friendly care, that I could desire. I never knew a family in wh. everything went

on more pleasantly & harmoniously than. Things do here. My health is quite as good as usual.

I should be glad to hear from you soon. Nettie has probably received a letter, written a few days from her aunt Frances Smithson, in which I enclosed a note. Love to her & to you all, from

Father.

Northboro, June 2, 1862.

Dear Children:

I received yours of May 21st & was very happy to hear from you. You speak, Nettie, of wishing to see more of my visit to Framingham. Well, you may recollect I arrived there May 23d. The weather was cold, & going into a cold room to bed, brot on my catarrh, & I was not as well as usual any of the time while there, & I did not go round to see the people, as I else, had I been well. But I had a pleasant meeting, & was met with all the cordiality I could desire. When I first entered, (oh, was en[illegible] with, our notes,) they appeared to listen with intense interest to the like-

wise when I addressed the Ch.
at the communion table, and
on my alluding to the deaths
of yr. Mother, I saw tears
flow, & my own feeling, were
such that I was obliged to stop.
They remember her with the deep
est affection, — and they think
of her the more for the part &
the part that is performed by
wife is not a profession of
religion, & does not manifest
any hope that she is a Christ-
ian. The Minister, Mr. Hay-
ward, is a very able man
in the pulpit & in point
of style, his sermons are
quite above mediocrity.
But he is an imposing look-
ing man, small in stature
& awkward in manners, &
is, however, social, and appears
to possess a good heart & the

treated me with the utmost respect & attention. His salary is six hundred dollars; and he pays me seventy & nine equal to those who have a salary twice as large. I think the people were fortunate in getting so talented a man, & they appear to be much pleased.

You may have learned th. Wm. Whipple, Ezekiel Lord, & Elizabeth Willson, — died during the last year.

Mrs Bowers was married to Mr French a little after I was at E. Mr French has bot the farm Wm. Caldwell now has, — & Mr Caldwell has bot Capt Whipple's place, & he & Mr French live in the same house — French & his mother & wife, employ

one family, & Capt. D. one
his daughters Mrs. Barnes
another. Miss Darby has mar-
ried Doct. Johnes. Helen
Townsend is married to a
young Marshal, son of Mrs. Lead,
who died near the Key's house
house, a young man of ne-
ther property nor principle
& who belongs to the very low-
est class of society. She mar-
ried without her parents' know-
ing any thing about her intent-
ions, & had a child so early, as to
subject her, to reproach. It seem-
ed almost to break her parents' hearts.
She is now living with them, with
her child very much out of health.
She is ruined. Had she been properly
governed, in early life, she might
probably have been saved. It is a very
sad case, & the want of sufficient
talents to enable her to take a high
stand in society, & be very useful to
her fellow beings.

While at Dumbarton, I stopped
mainly at Dea. Barnhams, Mr.
Sanford's, & Mr. Bridgham's, and
visited out of the neighborhood,
only at Dea. Tinkers & Deacon
Mills's - spending one night & took
of these places. A great many

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inquiries were made after Eva, & also Jennie, & I received commission to forward your a large quantity of Locust which I herein enclose.

Old Mrs. Hannis has been living since the death of Lewis, at the same house in Manchester where she lived before. Lacon's wife is now at the South, to see something about his property, and, during her absence, Old Lacon's wife is keeping house with the old lady at Manchester. Lewis was reputed very rich, & the property is no mistaken. He was a Southern man in feeling.

Remember, when I am with you, I have to hear all about your little ones. Give my love to

(Last page.)

I have daily got one of your dear mother's photographs with a nice oval frame, like the one in the mine (I mean, by the way how many photographs I mean. I shall ask my sister to get me another, when I go there in July to be provided in the hurry to go and Jennie.

I would like to have you show this letter to Jennie as soon as convenient, as I have stated quite a number of things in it, in each of which she will feel an interest, & I shall not wish to write them over again, in a letter to her. Tell Jennie, Mrs. Brigham, of Dunbarton, I long a very earnest letter sent to her to write to her. Jennie & I, you know, said Mrs. B. were very good friends. I hope she will write to her soon, it would be so encouraging to her.

Father.

The family have sent much love to you.

Concord, July 16, 1862.

Dear Isaac:-

In accordance with our arrangement, I enclose you a Draft of Four Hundred Dollars. You can address your return letter, with the Note, to me at Westboro, Mass. I shall probably return to my home at Northboro, about the time your letter will be likely to arrive.

I am on my way to Yarmouth to visit George. My health still continues very comfortable, and I find my new home all that I could wish.

I have with me the photographs of myself & our Mother, which I spoke of in

a former letter. Also, the Silver Spoons for Nettie & Jennie, which I have before spoken of; which, with the photographs, can be forwarded from Yarmouth with the bundle for express by Express.

July 17. Since writing the foregoing I have arrived at Yarmouth, found George & wife in good health, — my own health quite comfortable. I shall probably remain here about 10 days, & then return home at Northboro. I spent last Sabbath at Gloucester with brother Mason & family. They are all in usual health.

When you write, I hope Nettie will write also, & give me particulars about your

family. Should like also to hear about Jennie & the family. I have not received a letter from her or her husband for a long time, & do not know why. Much love to you all, from Father,

John H. Putnam.

Mrs. Isaac S. Metcalf.

Elysian,

Ohio

Brother Isaac &
Wife Children
Yours truly
Jennie M.P.

Yarmouth, July, 22.

My dear Sister Nettie -

I forward to day the box containing our dear Mother's things We forward this silver for you & Jennie. Photographs of Father & mother. & ~~other~~ clothes to be divided between you as you please. Father is now with us for a few days his health is as good as common perhaps better. He complains as of old. of our terrible climate. He has shivered a good deal of the time since he came - I do not suppose we can persuade

Jennie M.P.

him to stay only
about one week.
I do not understand
this for the climate is
delightful for me.
Father mailed a
check to Isaac, for
four hundred dollars.
last Thursday July 17.
Wh. doubtless he will
receive long before
this arrives.
Jennie & Farewell.
She starts this P.M. for
Dedham. Father tells
is going immediately
into the army as chaplain
of the 11th Maine now with
McClellan's forces. Jennie
is going to see him before
he starts. Mother Tuell
will probably make her

home with us while
he is gone - I am
glad he is going, wish
I could go myself
I have wanted to go
very many times but
feel at present that
my duty is here -

I thank you Nettie
for that picture - I hoped
you would give it to me
but did not want to ask
you for it - It hangs in
our spare Chamber &
looks very pretty - Jamie
has no oil painting now that
she can send you - Perhaps
when you come to visit us
she will have one you
can take home with
you - She does not find
a great deal of time to
paint -

We are having some
religious interest now
Wh. I hope will greatly
increase. Some 10 or
12. We hope have experienced
religion.

Much love to all your
family & to Jennie &
her family. Fr. Father
Jennie - &

bro. George.

Dear sister Pattie,

I have had very
little time to devote to the packing of
the Box but hope it is all right. I secured
a brown shade and one or two little
articles as mementos of our dear Pa. Their
memory is very precious to us.

Our Union & Tabernacle made a be-
ginning in painting. Pa Mother intends
to stay with us. I shall have more

Father
Northboro

Portland July 31, 62

Dear Father

ideas, & may not in fact be
so.

My health has suffered
much by journeying, tho'
I trust & shall be better
soon that I have left home.
I feel very much discour-
aged about taking journeys,
& feel when I have taken
one as if I never should
be able to take another.
I forbear, in the letter which
I have just received from
him, to speak of having writ-
ten to me twice since meeting
me. If so, the letters must
have been lost, for I wrote
to him the last week, &
he, not, when I wrote to
you from Gainsborough July
17, received my letter, even
then, a fortnight since my
return.

I have a letter to write this morning & am pressed for time very heavy. I will write shortly to you. I shall think much about you, Pete. Take care of yourself dear Lemuel, for the sake of the dear ones. I will be as much necessary to you as ever.

Yours,

[illegible]

Yarmouth, Aug. 7. 1862.

Dear Bro. Isaac:—

Was glad to receive a letter fr. you containing such good news. I do not see why you may not have quite a family by & by— I hope Mother & Child will continue to do very well. If you were here you would look in vain for children round the Parsonage. Indeed at the present time you would look in vain for any body but the Parson himself for he is the sole occupant. Janine is gone "Down East." on her annual visit & I live in the study where my books & pen & ink are.

& in the barn where my wood pile is, & at one of the neighbors where the food is. I expect to continue in this state for some few weeks to come. I need a vacation myself but the state of things in the Parish is such that I do not want to leave. Perhaps I may get away by & by -

Father made us a very short visit - only about 10 days - & I suppose he suffered all the time he was here with the cold. The sea breezes that we regard as such a luxury he complains of very much.

Our men are going off now more than ever before to the

army. We begin now to know there is war - we have scarcely known any thing about it - Our men did not inlist - & business has been good - & were it not for newspapers we should have been all unacquainted with the fact that war was in our country But now we have some interest in the matter for we have men in the field. I have felt ashamed of Yarmouth - because of its want of patriotism - & am really glad to see our men go forth -

I hope the government will call at once for all the men that are needed - & prosecute the war as if somebody was to killed - or at least hurt -

You must remember me to Herbert & Jennie – will try to write to them before long – My time is fully occupied & I forget very often that I have any letters to write –

Much love to you all –

Your Bro.

George W.

& [illegible] to recommend my
[illegible] strength. I keep my
self, I hope & pray enable
to take journies. Last
[illegible] journies this year
I worked dreadfully hard
indeed, & I think & I hope
I continued to stay at home.
I had hoped to be able to
visit Glenn, but owing
to my health & change & wet
steadily for the better, I am
afraid be able to go this
summer was.

When I was at Gamm. th.
in my late visit, I was more
than ever convinced that I
did right, in deciding to leave
that climate. The rapid ex-
haustion which the third time
I could not endure. Then it
was comfort. I have been
[illegible] & [illegible] in the

Yarmouth, Oct. 9. 1862.

My dear Sister.

I think it must have been a long time since I wrote you. I write but few letters. I have not yet learned to do my work & "take it easy". & my business often drives me. Last week I was in Northboro' & staid one night with Father. He is very comfortably situated & has all done for him, that he needs. And yet how unnatural the whole proceeding. He seems very much contented & talks as if he should stay there a great while. But I do not think he will. I fear he will find no very permanent rest this side of Heaven. The changes in his life have

been so great. that a great change is wrought in him. He is not what I expected he would be. He is apt to be restless & it would not be strange at all if he should take some new notion by & by & be off to another place as one knows when. All the friends speak of the movement as a very strange one. & hardly know how to understand it. Maria has most of the care of him & is very attentive. 'Tis quite a confinement to her. & I fear her health may suffer fr. it by & by. How much better we should feel if he was with one of us. If he should be sick & confined

to his bed it would be very hard for us - for we could not be with him - & we know he would be difficult to manage - However I feel that in this we must trust the Lord as in other things. It was a great trial to me to have him go away for me - I think if he had died I should have felt more reconciled. but I try to feel that this all best as it is -

Hannie has been unwell with a sore throat for a few days - but is quite well now - My own health is very good. I am expecting to go to Brunswick on exchange next Sabbath. I wish Hannie & I could go to Elgin & see all the babies there - but I dare

not know when we can. Probably not soon - for we have not the Postage Stamps. (i.e. change)

I wish I could tell you of a great outpouring of God's Spirit here. & a great burning as the Lord. Now & then one comes but no very general interest. Night before last a young lady came to see me. whose heart was full & whose whole frame trembled with emotion. She felt that all her old refuges had been swept away & some thing must be done. I hope she has ere this yielded to God her heart. This she would not on the spot. These things encourage. We both send love to you all -

Bro- George.

Windsor, Dec. 17, 1862.

Dear children:

Your letter of the 4th was received last week. I was very glad to hear from you, & hear of your health & prosperity. Glad to hear that Edward got his children. Your home seems to be very agreeable. You have, such a comfortable & bright little room, with pictures & flowers, & pleasing prospects. Your school seems to be doing well, & you are getting on finely. Hope you will continue to do well & improve. Your teacher Miss Sweet seems to be very kind & pleasant. I am glad you are pleased with her. I feel encouraged to hope

I was glad to hear that
you, Jane, had so pleasant
a time at the Misses Jourdan's,
& how you spoke of not
being embarrassed, & enjoying
yourself, do you not, to be very
eventually? In one of your
letters you state to me the
prospect, per invitation, of your
coal-mining excursion; but
one of the letters in which
you stated the arrangement, (written)
I could not tell whether it was
one hundred, or two hundred
a month. Will you be so kind
as to tell me in your next? —
Any thing concerning the mat-
ter is interesting to me. Here
is the shop thing in which you
have a share. Any Things
you may be pleased to com-
municate will be pleasing to me
& agreeable, & be pleasing to me.

Father?

Dec. 22 1862.

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

to you will please direct as
letter to me for some weeks
to come, to that place. I have
written Herbert & Jennie
this, & asked them not to tell
me how they are. I have
not received a letter from
them for several months. Jennie's
last letter dated Sept. 5th &
consequently it is unnecessary.
Why they do not write, I can
not conceive.

I believe I mentioned to
you in my last, that I have
been climbing regularly to
walking, & have got so that
I can walk two miles at a
time, with less fatigue than
I had been accustomed to
walk half a mile at one,
for years before. I am
strongly in hopes to get
some employment in the

scraps of some account
[illegible] interregion of Yar-
mouth, tho' I do not know
know of any particular
[illegible] I seem
to be unable to [illegible], as I
have been for a few days. Many
years, I am getting very
desirous to employ my
time in this way, much
more than I have done
for the last years or a
half— That, myself very
busy, either reading or writ-
ing, when I am not out ex-
ercising. I have turned
my sermons, in many large
manuscript, so that I can
read them easily at a dis-
tance. I have finished
some of them somewhat
written, & have an
[illegible] advantage in hav-

ing the letter as usual.

I shall hope to hear soon from you very soon after I get to Maine.

Much love to Grandma & children, from Father.

P. S. There was one inquiry you made. I am, Grace, a workwoman, & when I am not getting a fair wage & hours of labor, I must look out for Shift, Grace; which I am & others have sent to see?

Monday Eve. After getting my letter all ready & sealed I received yours, dated Dec 16.

I have cut the envelope, & taken my letter out, to add this information. I am glad you came to Boston & left for Yarmouth. Be prudent, Grace, be sure to look in upon & to children. Give my love to them.

Father D.

Feb. 19 63

Yarmouth, Feb. 19, 1863.

Dear Children:-

I suppose by the time this reaches Elyria, Isaac will have returned to his home & his labors. I thank you very much, Anne, for your kind letter from Detroit. It seems you are enjoying yourself and very large society, & I presume will ultimately realize very large profits. Well, you will have no doubt of your welcome. I do not think you are disposed to idolize strangers, but have a disposition to use it, as not abusing it; & I am glad to learn by your letter that you have had pleasant

I am getting along very

Heavenly Father this evening. I hope to be quite composed that my health has so much improved within the last six or seven months that I shall be able to stand the climate all the year round. I shall rejoice to see it prove so, for altho' my friends at Northbrook do everything that it was possible to do to make me comfortable & happy, yet it was not like living with our own children. Besides, the religious privileges at Northbrook were very small compared with what they are here. I was there but once a month to attend meetings, & could only attend meeting on the Sabbath. Here, I can only six miles from the Meeting house

& can attain all the extra meeting with great convenience. I assure you I enjoy it very much. It seems to me in my judgment to be allowed to celebrate religious assembly two or three times a week, on the things pertaining to the kingdom of God. The prayer-meeting, now, one will attend, & one feels lively & interesting.

In regard to the preaching, you may think I attain a too near relationship to the preacher to be an influential hearer. But I think I can judge just as well as if there were no relationship. I believe I always had the charity of covering my children's faults, as readily as the faults of any other persons, & I feel

tell you candidly what I think
of the preaching. I was absent
from this place more than a
year, & heard a great many
preachers. But take them in
regard to both manner & matter
there is not one that I should
prefer to the minister of your
mouth. Yes, if you will allow
me to express my full opin-
ion, without reserve, I would say,
th. I think the Yarmouth person
has improved excellencies, and
fewer faults, as a preacher, than
any one of them. His matter &
style are always good. & manage-
ment so clear, that after hearing
the discourse, one can recollect the
whole of it, & remember it. As to
delivery, it is so pleasing, fervent
& easy, as at once to secure all attention.
Were I inclined to be critical, or fastidious
I should be puzzled to know where to
find the least fault. I certainly rather
prefer his preaching than that of any
other man I have heard, during my absence.
So far as I can ascertain, there is the most
perfect harmony between him & his people
& every thing seems to be moving forward pleasantly. — Much love from us all to you.

Yours &c.

Father.

Father P.

May 6 '63

Yarmouth, May 6, 1863.

Dear Children:

The winter is at length over, tho' it seemed loth to leave. March & April were cold & snowy months, - more winterly than the two months preceding. The Spring is very backward.

My health continues quite comfortable. I am inclined to think I can stand the climate, & now consider it my permanent home here. George & wife are in usual health. Mrs. Wells, Fannie's mother, has been absent nine or six weeks;

& is not expected to return very soon, as I am sorry for. I am expecting, on the last of this month, or the 1st. of June, to take a journey to Massachusetts, & make arrangements to move my furniture which I have there, to this place.

I learned from a letter from Dumbarton, of several deaths, which you may not have heard of; that perhaps I may have mentioned some of them. They are the following: Charles Holmes Porter Hart, Esq. Mrs. "Billy" aged 80, Mrs. Fuller, & Esq Miss Polly Stinson, Col. Stinson's sister. I think I have

already mentioned to you the death of Lieut. H. Hipple, a very active, clever member of the 4th. Capt. Lake was not expected to live but a very short time. His senses appear to be almost entirely gone. I believe they are getting along very well with their minister, Mr. Starr at Lexington. He stands quite high as a preacher, & appears to be truly devoted to his work.

I am not certain whether I have mentioned to you the death of Henry Cockerell, who entered the army as Captain of a company of Sharp Shooters. He died in Union City last Spring

& his remains were brot
to Dunbarton for burial.
He was a splendid young
man, six feet & 1 inches
in height, & weighed 200
pounds when he was twen-
ty one years of age. He
had graduated at Dart-
mouth College, had become
hopefully pious, & was de-
cidedly one of the most tal-
ented & eloquent speakers
of our State & age.

Horace had left us un-
well, & sick in a measure
Minister, & has been dis-
charged, & returned home.
Wm. Burton has also gone in-
to the army as Captain of a
company. Broadhead Burn-
ham, & Frank Putney, have
gone as privates, the latter
both from me
& George.

Father.

Portsmouth May 11. 1863.

My dear Sister;—

I often think of you & almost always suppose I ought to write, & do not now know whose turn it is - nor do I care, I want to write & so I shall - Father is gone to Northboro', for two weeks or so, to get his furniture clothing &c - & visit some. He endures the climate very well here now, & seems very much at home - more contented than I feared he would ever be. Hanny & Josie & I compose our family at present. We have all been very busy lately in our garden We have a fine place front of our house for a flower garden & we mean to make the most

of it. It will cost us much labor for a time till we get started & after that comparatively little - for we are laying it out with some reference to labor saving in future - 'Tis all new now - & I am getting in Shade Trees - shrubs & flowers - as rapidly as possible have been hard at work all day & my back aches now, I think we shall have a very pretty place of it by & by - Hope you & Isaac will come & see it - Jenny & Herbert also — How much we should love to see you all.

I do not feel as if I had much news to write you - You get a daily perhaps that posts you

on the war - & if you know anything after you have read it. you have the advantage of us - We hope & wait for victory - & have faith that we shall not wait in vain - but when that day will come "knoweth no man".

Last night I married a couple for $2,00 - 25¢ was one dollar per mile for my travel & was an old couple - the man had been married 3 or 4 times before. I have but few exercises of this kind to perform - I wish more people would get married; Fanny says she will write a little so I will send love to all the boys & girls - & bid you good night -

Bro. George -

Dear little Hattie, I am quite in
comfort since I got a letter from
Lyde. I do so long sometimes for
just such a little near me, as I fancy
you would be - a little creature made
withal gifted with everlasting clasp
for the fibres that seem so fixed to
part of me. So might as regards feminine sympathy and friends I feel
alone. Being [illegible] like Ted
one hand from there is a vacuum
that is quite too wide, and not seem
very difficult to leave without disgrace
to fill. To you can run in
& comfort you, but not one Ted must you
treat.

You have left upon your mind
and it is work for the little finger
to make it smooth. Hattie
Hathis absence is less filling than
was to that is given to the ancient
Hermits things [illegible] the mind
degraded [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
he could think, they [illegible] and
dear [illegible] inside in his [illegible] world,
and [illegible] [illegible] demon and
freakish [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
youngest minister. But then he
is not so [illegible] and [illegible]
duties, & then are duties. Wonder
sometimes if [illegible] does it. Dear animal
friends! more than ever mind the people.

Father N.

Jan 22 '63

Yarmouth, Jan. 22, '63.

Dear Isaac:

Your was received to-day. Was glad to hear from you, & that you had a letter & hadn't given over hearing from him. Have not heard anything that Eliot would visit here this week.

As to the Treasury, I am too poor to earn any risk. Having no income at all but the interest of my money, (& not a great deal of that,) & having constant outgoes, I feel the necessity of investing what money I have so that it will be perfectly safe, & may not lose my means of livelihood. His enterprise is an experi-

I need concerning which I know nothing, & its success is all in the dark future.

I have now been here four weeks. My health is very good for me. I dare think of making it my home here for the present, hoping that my increase health & strength will enable me to resist the evil effects of the climate, which has long driven me away. I mean now to give the climate one other thorough trial. If I can live here, I prefer it to any other place. The religious privileges are excellent, & I think a great deal of this. At Northboro they were hard up, as I tried so far from

the Meeting House, I was cut off from attendance on week-day meetings, as Lib were all left in the evening, except Wednesday evening. Here I am only six rods from Church, I can easily attend all the extra meetings. I shall be very happy, if the climate will allow me to remain.

Your Nettie will, of course, think it all very selfish to me to stay here, tell her I have rather than I have left.

George & Jennie join me in sincere love to you & Nettie. Hope to hear from you again very soon.

Affectly.

Mother.

Faithful

Letter N.

July 20 1863

Yarmouth July 20, 1863.

Dear Children:

Yours of June 7 & 30 were duly received, & we were much pleased with the prospect of "some day" you'd be able to visit us before long. I would be very glad indeed to see you all. As regards to my coming to visit with Isaac, I think I shall not be able to, tho' I feel as if I would be very thankful, indeed to visit you. The great obstacle in the way is the Chronic Rheumatism, & I still continue, & suffer the unwilling, when I can avoid it, to be away from home

over night &. It makes one
dread a journey, even to
Massachusetts, & keeps me
away from all public meet-
ings, except meetings on the
Sabbath. Besides this, I have
other complaints, which I
can take much better care
of at home than abroad.

I hope your family are
perfectly restored to health,
as this. Upon mine, I think,
have a very hard time,
when your family are sick,
subject, as you are, to so
much company.

I have written a few
days, since to my friend
our Lieutenant, & our cousin
Susie, but as I still live,
but do not confine to her

her. It is surprising how her life has run out. Brother Elias writes that she passed away to be crowned & submissive to the Divine will.

Mama Brigham, Eleanor, is quite sick with rheumatism. I feel anxious to hear from her again.

Yesterday I washed, & enjoyed it very much. A neighboring Brother, S invited us to take a journey, & his carriage was to be ready for us at 10 o'clock. We seemed to go fast, & I spoke out easy, & with a little fatigue, as I have done for the last 20 years. My habit was

is, to prevent, a written sermon in the morning, & preach extemporaneously in the afternoon.

When you write again, please tell us, as definitely as you can, when we may expect Agnes, and whom we may invite to visit him. His coming will make us all glad. I do wish much you could both come. Why can't you?

Please also write how Florence & Jennie are. Either they do not write as late, or their letters get lost. I should be glad to welcome any of your friends. Charnier can speak of, but it would take me too long to write them. Dr Leavitt, of this family is good, & we all send love to you, & hope to see you soon.

From your affectionate Father.

Gorge Aug. 8 '63

Haverhill, N. H.

Aug 8. 1863.

My dear Sister Nettie -

I am now taking my vacation. That is why I am in Haverhill rather than Yarmouth. I left my home five days ago for the White Mts. Arrived at North Conway Wednesday. Stayed one day. Ascended Mt. Kearsarge & had a fine view. I cannot describe it, but it was beautiful in the extreme. If I cannot describe it I could feel it & that is better. I had the pleasure of seeing what all who ascend do not see. a rainbow below me. A little shower came up, & the sun was nearly down. & this: this cup of the prospect somewhat I felt compensated by seeing this rainbow below me.

The next day I started by stage for the Crawford house going up thro' the Notch - Here I saw much that to me was new & interesting - Such mountain scenery I have never before witnessed. I proposed to ascend Mt. Washington - I booked my name for a horse. but I did not feel equal to the task - I have not been well all the week. & I found that this 14 or 15 miles of horse back riding over the mountains would make me sick - & so I forfeited my long looked for pleasure - When I was so near it. It was a great sacrifice for me. but I felt that it was my only wise course.

I do not regret it so much - for the fact that I am alone - I do think 'tis

a very mean way of travelling for pleasure - There is scarce any pleasure in it & no profit. My experience before I reached the Crawford house, taught me that one never ought to go alone - that 2 eyes are only half enough with wh. to look on these grand & sublime scenes - & before I felt that I must hasten away because of my health - I had almost concluded to turn about & see no more till I could have a companion. I felt this at Conway - & on Mt Kearsarge -

I came fr. Crawford's - thro. Bethlehem - another beautiful town - to Littleton; & fr. there, here by cars - I. D. Emerson preaches here - one of the old Teachers at Pembroke - & I hoped to find him & spend a few days in this lovely valley of the Connecticut - but he is

away taking his vacation. I
shall start therefore this
forenoon for Concord -
where Fannie will meet
me some time in the course
of next week - & we shall
go to Dunbarton to spend a
few weeks. I will try
to write you again for then
Much love to you all - & to
Jennie's family -

Your bro.

George D. Putnam

George
Aug 26 1863

Dunbarton. N.H. Aug. 26. 1863

My dear Sister:-

I am now spending a little time with Hannie among the scenes of my childhood & yours. Our head quarters are at John Kimball's, where we are very bountifully provided for. We spend our time in picking blackberries & eating them, sugared & creamed; riding about for sights & calls. exercising some, sleeping much & Building up all we can. I am feeling much better than when I left home. Dunbarton is very beautiful now. Much rain has made every thing green unusually fresh for this season. & the forests hills & valleys are full of loveliness. The recollections some people have of me are rather queer. (Yesterday

on being introduced to Mrs. Peck. She remarked that I had changed a good deal since she used to know me, that I was quite a little boy when she left town 28 yrs. ago. I replied "I probably was, for I am only 28 yrs. old now." However she had a month or two in her favor & we concluded I was in existence before she left.

One tells me that the first recollection he has of me, is of my climbing up on the seat at Church & looking over the back of the pew. & making faces at Dea. Alexander. And Mark Bailey says he remembers me as I looked one rainy day in his father's cellar seated on a huge pile of potatoes — sprouting them. How delightful it is to come back to your native place — where the peo-

remember so many interesting things of you!! Fannie & I called yesterday at Jerry Mills' Lewis Wilson's. Capt. Whipples' & Mr. Hayward's - we now have a visit arranged at Capt. Whipple's for tomorrow afternoon. Mrs. Hayward invited us to come there Saturday & spend the Sab. with. I think we shall do. The people seem very glad to see me & I have invitations to go all over town - but I can do no such thing. We went into the old room where I suppose I was born. There was the same paint & paper & stove. as when we left. all else was changed. This was the parlor & we saw no other room. The trees & vines out are very flourishing. greatly ornamenting the place. My grapevine on the arbor - is nearly dead. The little horse chestnut Mother planted & nourished so

tenderly is now quite a
tree. Many things about look
familiar to me for instance the
trees in the front with that I
bought, & laid with my own hands,
but yet it does not seem like home
to me. I feel restrained. I go up to
the door I used to enter so freely & stay
to pull a bell & be ushered in by
a stranger. I then enter & sit down
but those doors that lead fr. one
room to another - that were once
no barrier to me. now I dare not
open. It is still my native place
but not my home. I felt a longing
to see what was in this room & what
in that. I wanted to run all over it
& open every door as I used to when
I returned after an absence. but no.
I have no rights now. Of course there
is something of sadness connected
with all this. I could not but
feel that could the old walls
of that house speak - my welcome
would be longer & warmer than
it was. generously as we were welcomed.
If we spend the Sab. there I shall
see much more - doubtless familiar
as to me. The faces at Church

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& about town are families yet - some are gone. Some young have grown up & changed & the old are older & more feeble. But the old hills this, ever changeful, have the same old expression as when a boy, with more life than I now have, I climbed their slopes aided with a boy's pleasure. The drives over these hills are lovely indeed. Few towns like Dumbarton for beauty & grandeur of scenery -

We are enjoying ourselves very much here, & I feel that I am getting profit as well as pleasure - We shall start for home next week

The People here often speak of you & wish they could see you - I wish you could be here with me. how much we should enjoy going about together!

When will you come to Yarmouth?
I hope to see Isaac this Fall.
& yourself before many years.
can you not come next year?
Hannie & I mean to go to
Elysia by & by when we can
leave home conveniently &
are able to take so expensive
a journey. How very pleasant
it would be if we were not
at such a distance fr. each other
that we could not meet at least
once a year. Sarah wishes to be
remembered to you - wishes she
could see you. & prizes your
likeness wh. you sent her. Hannie
joins me in love to all your
family. & to Dennie's.

Your bro.

Geo. A. Putnam.

Georgi Nov 18 1863

D. Yarmouth Nov. 18. 63.

My dear Sister:-

You see that D. just before Yarmouth do you! well I actually began to write Dunbarton - So much for old habits & early impressions -

We were all very glad to see Isaac & Charlie I assure you. They took us by surprise as we had not received any letter, but were none the less welcome on this account. Poor little Charlie was sick, & then home sick. I did not enjoy much at his Uncle Georgi's. I hope he will not lay up anything against the place. We hoped to get another visit as Isaac

I suppose it was not convenient as we have seen nothing of him since he left us. We enjoyed his short visit very much. He saw us & where we live & can tell you. This is something. But we do earnestly hope that yourself will come another summer & make us a good long visit. Isaac encourages us somewhat in this hope. You must calculate upon it. We could go to see you, if we had money to spare. But we have not now. Am hoping every year to be better off in this respect. My salary is $800. & the first two yrs. I was here my expenses

were fully $1000. pr. year. &
during the last year. they
have been increased by having
Mr. Wells' family - to a little
over $1200. But I have
received aid fr. other sources
than my salary so that I
am not in debt - a very
fortunate circumstance.
But fr. this you will see
that I have not just now
money to go to Ohio with.
I hope to better this matter
in the course of two years -
& after that we mean to try
to visit you -
We are all in usual health
& every thing goes on as
usual with us. Last week
we had the Cumberland
association here & Sammy
had to get two dinners
& one supper for them

fifteen ministers, he had a good time & it & Fanny did her part splendid. I have written my Texas giving sermon - for the word. "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us." Am this week writing a temperance sermon - text, "Do not drink wine nor strong drink - lest ye die." preached one a short time ago on Slander - "He that uttereth a slander is a fool", was the text. I find the people like practical sermons; instruction for their everyday lives better than essays on original sin & divine decrees. Wish we could be together on Thanksgiving day How good it would be.

Give our love to Jennie & Herbert. & to all your own family -

Your bro,

Geo. H. Putnam -

Dear Little Ruth,

Lumpkin Dec. 8, 1863.

Dear Son:

Yours of Dec. 1, and
receipt of a Draft on
Col. Hill, I have to say
I am thankful
for the U.S. Ship Bonn
for the State service;
that is quite a settlement
I have worked hard, &
the money I am glad
to get because the
men & I, are very entitled
from the 1st day of Jan.
last up to the present
money as the settlement

that will become due on the note when had. Instead I should prefer it as there is a possibility that I may not be able to obtain the bonds at any considerable premium soon, & they can be obtained now.

Please write me (if you forward the Bonds) how they are forwarded, and when you may expect them here. If you send them by express, I would like to have notice a few days before hand, so as not to have them lie at the depot any longer than is necessary. Messrs Sanders are not convenient to

individuals here, but only the
Lovers &c. - Sarah &c.

I was glad to see Pelt
Like seeing a new account
of the Lone Star Country
Hope next year, you & Pet-
ti will both come & make
us a long family visit. It
may be great pleasure to
see Sue & little Charlie,
& we hope next time to en-
joy the additional pleas-
ure of seeing your wife.

We are all in usual
health, & send love to you.

George is about to ask
his Ch. to appoint a
Committee to consult
the Parish about Shav-
ing him Six weeks, to

labor in the service of the Christian commission. My impression is, that they will let them so; but that remains to be seen,

Alice Gauthier.

Father P.
Dec. 5 63

Yarmouth, Dec. 5, 1863.

Dear Nellie:

To-day I received a letter from Isaac, dated at Dedham, I have just mailed a letter to him, directed to that place. He has not written me before since his return, & I was very happy to hear from him. I am glad he was pleased with our visit here. He can't say more than well accommodate. I often think of my privilege that we are so near meeting, & it

here, right under the
eaves of the Seminary.
It enables me to attend
evening meetings. These
I enjoy very much.

Last Sabbath I rode
5 or 6 miles, & preached
both parts of the day; for
a minister, who can
not well to preach. I en-
joyed it well, & hope
I was in some meas-
ure useful. Two or
three weeks ago, by in-
vitation of Dr. Adams,
I preached at Brunswick
in the Baptist College
I had a very pleasant
time. On Monday the
Doctor got a horse

& Chaise, & took me all
over the place. He is
a man of great con-
versational powers,
& he made the ride very
interesting.

Yesterday Thanksgiving
Sermon, & Text quite
an Entertainment, it was so
thoroughly adapted to
the occasion, & the causes
of thankfulness were so
plainly stated. He was ask-
ed about having it pub-
lished, but he objected.
He preached another
Sermon last Sabbath
which was good, some do
think better, on the
Duty of the Christian

the present state of our
country. So-morrow
he means to ask the
Ch. to appoint a Com-
mittee to count the pow-
ders & mountain, & he tho.
they would be willing to
have him go & take
dinner with me any
day the Chairman Com-
mittee, & he is quite
desirous to see, & it is entire-
ly his decision they will
act him go.

Give the children much love,
& send me a line to Jan &
Mary. Affec. Father.

P.S. Send me word if I could
like U. S. 5-20 Bonds, for what
he owes me, & which I might
in the distribution. State
this because it is possible my
letter may reach Dr Coin after
he leaves.

Fanny

Monday P.M.

them but of course that is not like real life. It is hard for us thinking the way we do.

Father and I are well and in good spirits - Father is pretty well that he can walk as far as he can. I am glad to say that he is much better. The days are very much pleasanter and more pleasant. I think I have given you a description of our comfortable where we live from appearance of the outside. Mrs Preidenmore is all over us and there is gentle ness and patience through the night we remember she did with us. Touching the wall and sides there is no danger. I must make the house going - Leave us how with Mrs Preidenmore I am a - the reason that I wonder at

[illegible] appreciate one [illegible]
[illegible] one actual [illegible] and convert them like would [illegible] to us.

Galvin is now at Morris Island. Authorize, until a change [illegible] his command [illegible] All the ministers had left [illegible] their posts [illegible] regiment; and the regiment from there, [illegible] Morris Island. [illegible] Sabbath [illegible] the [illegible] church was not large enough to admit all. The [illegible] had very interesting accounts from him of his visits among [illegible] wounded [illegible] &c. One regiment of his reg. is in command of the battle in which [illegible] fell [illegible] Charleston.

[illegible] would have gone through [illegible] St. Barnabas through [illegible] could have one direct communication but Geo. has [illegible] [illegible] Give our love to Jennie, Herbert, Children, [illegible], if convenient, and accept much for [illegible] both to yourself, Martha Isaac and the children.

Yours [illegible]

[illegible]

My dear [illegible]

I have written a long letter to [illegible] but not knowing what [illegible] to me since I wrote. Isaac was to [illegible] at Beaufort [illegible] but my [illegible] what he was. They Voted in Parish meeting (to have me [illegible] out of [illegible] Parish) by a majority of [illegible] that it would be wise to go. I am very sorry to stay here & do nothing in person for our soldiers but [illegible]

should. I try to submit to it as all right. I hope I can not feel that the Spirit who prompted my people was right.

So your Lab. Sch. will get no letters for a great present.

I am staying at home this winter pretty much preaching to my own people. next Lab. I shall begin a series of Sermons on temperance. We have in a good deal of interest once in this place. I mean to preach my Sermons on the subject You asked for my thanksgiving sermon once before. but I did not think it would pay to send it so far.

[illegible] not much like people
like it. I was in Portland
& heard Mrs. Hughes
lately [illegible] very
much -
I've taken the state
[illegible] & I do have
some pictures reading
[illegible] and dared -
I'm like it better - Do you
not think I ministers
may [illegible] himself too
much - to reading and
what comes to ministers
sons? I think so, thus
[illegible] his style -
A few days ago I bought
home to [illegible]
[illegible]
My life is very much
what it was - reading
& study & calls - [illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
But we are in rather
a dull State. & I fear its
the Minister's fault.
I hope ere it reaches you
we shall see it's salvation
& the end.
Fanny is in good health
& sends love. She [illegible]
has returned to Bonyn-
& will probably stay till
her husband returns to the
army - Jane still remains
with us - Mrs Wheelwright
& Ella visited us a short
time since & hope you
will before long -
Much love to you all &
to Dennie & Tommy

as possible. Please write me when you decide what to do.

I will say nothing about George, as he himself will write.

I was much pleased to hear of the good health of your family, & of the good progress of your children in their studies. Give my love to the little ones. I shall be pleased to be a great blessing to their generation.

I am corresponding with Miss Lucy Hall, with a view to keep, if I can, knowledge of family relations. I write to, & receive letters from, Alonzo Putnam, Norwood, Illinois, Jane Putnam, Cambridge, Mass. Annie Quincy, Roxbury, Mass. & Maria Brigham, Northboro, Mass. It is not long

since I have heard from
Hannah, & in this way,
heard from the family
with which they are con-
nected, including my
brother's family at Lex-
ington. I wished to write
you when I was with
you, but was so hurried
to have had a fare-
well chat. I left
you in an unhealthful
climate to that family,
& I know not how they
could get along with-
out her. I hear from Ken-
tucky that Annie Ken-
ney, who is the only child
left by Jane Cousin Hag-
nah, ~~dead~~ daughter of
your uncle Mason.

My health is quite good
at present, & I take my daily
walks, & enjoy them
there.

Farewell.

Lawrence Feb 18, 64.

Dear Children:

Yours came to hand yesterday, & we were glad to hear from you.

You ask, Isaac, what time taxes are assessed here. The assessment is made on the property a month previous to the first of April. I suppose the taxes here will be enormous, as the towns have voted to fill their quota of soldiers by raising substitutes, rather than to allow

a draft of any of the
townsmen, & had author-
ized the Select Men to
pay substitutes four
hundred dollars apiece.
I do not wish to have
you subject yourself
to inconvenience but
I see it would be
quite an object for
me to have the "Bond"
or Your Purpose, be-
fore the time arrives
to take account of
property for taxation.
Besides saving taxes,
it would relieve me
from the necessity of
telling the people of
Yarmouth all about

my property,- a thing which You not like to do.

We are, as a family, enjoying pretty good health now, & usual prosperity.

I do not think George is at all "discouraged". He feels that he is highly favored in having so good a people, & being so favorably located. But he was a good deal disappointed by the unwillingness of the people that he should visit the army & join the Christian Commission. It is my impression that

it was owing to their
great desire that he
should not be absent
from them, — as these are
two congregational so-
cieties here, side by side
& they want to have the
means for sustaining
& building up their own
society, as powerful
& as constant as may
be. A selfish reason,
but one quite likely to pre-
vail.

The Sabbath school here,
Jennie, does not use "ques-
tion books" of late, but
are about to, but have
not yet made their selec-
tion of any.

Much love from all to all.
I would write to Jennie, but
am daily expecting a letter
from her to which I will answer.

Father.

Yarmouth, March 8, 1864.

Dear Children. — I was glad to hear from you, that you were all well. Our family here are in usual health. My own health has been quite comfortable all winter, with the exception of a few days. Two weeks ago, I preached in a neighboring town for the benefit of the Christian commission, the pastor of the Ch. being absent to labor in the employment of that commission. I find I can preach with as little fatigue as a young man, tho' I could not perform much active, ministerial labor. I have now passed the boundary line of

human life mentioned by David "three score & ten." This is much longer than I expect to live when I am a foreman. I cannot say that I have any desire to live to extreme old age. I deprecate the thought of living on, after becoming helpless & burdensome.

I am glad, Isaac, to receive the Bond I sent forward, as the taxes here will be increased this year, three fold their usual amount, on account of killing our quota of soldiers at enormous prices. I may not be required to obtain any taxable property, as it is the custom in the Select Men to require a tax on their men may report themselves, & if they do not do this, they are doomed to pay what the Select Men see fit, subject to abatement, if one can, & on a day settled upon he is taxed for more than he possesses. I think I shall let him "doom" me. Write soon. Affectionately, Father.

Lawrence Mar 3. 64.

Received this day of Isaac S. Metcalf one five hundred Dollar U. S. Bond, which pays $5'00 — (five hundred dollars) on a note held by me against said Metcalf, & I have endorsed the same on said note.

John H. Putnam.

Tell Jennie I have been expecting a letter from her, or Hattie but as she intended to write after she left here, & I have not heard a word I kept the letters I have received from them, & neither of them to me answered the above.

George A. P.
Apr 12 1864

Harmonth Apr. 12. 1864

My dear Bro. Isaac:-

I have but little time this morning but wish to write on a matter of business.

In a late number of the N.Y. Independent in an article on "Native Wines & Native Grapes" I saw this sentence. "Built recently. Mr. J. H. Klippart. now, & for many years, Sec. of the Ohio State Board of agriculture wrote in the "Ohio Farmer." an article on "Grapes & wine". in wh. he took ground that the wines of Ohio were much more intoxicating that European wines &c"

I am anxious to see that article. Can you help me

to do so. Can you tell me where the "Ohio Farmer" is published, so that I can send to the Publishers?
Or can you tell me the Post Office address of this Mr. J. H. Klippart, so that I may address him? or possibly some one in Elyria takes the Ohio Farmer who does not keep the numbers & a copy could be obtained. Any aid you can render me will be gratefully received. I want to know what are the grounds of Mr. Klippart's position.
We are all in usual health & happiness. I am this very day in the midst of a great snow storm.
Much love to all
Your Bro —
George A Sullivan

Yarmouth June 21, 64.

My dear Children:-

I received your letter, & Hannah's, & was glad to hear that you were all well. I think I have been very glad to hear that you were all well & make merry with it. When shall we see you?

Since I wrote you I have been to Massachusetts with a view to visiting you there. But I took a bad cold the first day of my journey which brought on a return of my rheumatism, & the pain of

perhaps counteract my visiting plans. I went directly to Brother Hallowways, & spent a week there, & then hurried home, lest I should be too sick to return at present. I was not able to go out doors for several days after my return. I had a very severe cough. While I was at Northboro, Brother Holloway took me in his carriage, & I just made two-pound-cakes with Lemon on every time I was in Northboro, but was obliged to dispense with all sweets. I think now, I shall never attempt to resist Mrs-

chusetts again. I find it
is not safe for me to at-
tempt such journeys, & shall
I must content myself to
stay at home. I have not, for
years, taken a journey,
without having my health,
suffer from it. My health
has now nearly recovered to
what it was previous to my
journey. My family have
been all well, & are
now in usual health.

You will recollect, Isaac,
that you propose sending
me U. S. 5-20 Bonds with
interest commencing on
Nov. 1, 1863, the same date
with my note. Well, when
the Bond came, I did not

notice the date of which interest commenced, & prohibiting you from endorsing the same on the note — as if the interest commenced on the 1st. of January; & never dreamed you made it out from the 1st. of January, 1864, — making a difference, I believe, of five dollars. I thought I would just mention this, & when we settle, the mistake can be corrected.

Mr. Ellis Brigham has been very sick, & was confined to his bed when I was at Westboro. He was, however, a little improving, but was not expected to live. His wife & two children were there. Please write soon.

Yours truly,

Germantown, July 13, 64.

Dear Brother.

I have just received your letter, and was glad to hear from you. I am sorry to hear that you have been sick, but glad to hear that you are getting well. I have been sick myself, but am now getting well. I have been sick with a cold, and have been confined to my room for a few days. I am now able to be out, but not well enough to go to church. I am sorry to hear that you have been sick. I am glad to hear that you are getting well.

with terrible evils, especially in the first invasion of the Persians, and I drew it from the whole, in one of the finest passages in his whole history. It is in the person of Mardonius, who endeavours to dissuade Xerxes from his intended invasion of Greece, and to continue to submit to the rule of the Great Master.

I am glad you are so rich in fruits. I shall be very much delighted to share in some of them. Teach me to find your Kindness, & write to me as often as ever you can. But it will not be long that I shall need

indeed a sin'ful act. I feel
that my "earthly house" is de-
caying, & it will not be
long ere it will be "dissolved."
"Have I" (I ask in my heart)
"have not mine hands
"eternal in the heavens?" I
cannot say, with Socrates,
"I know" that I have; but
"I have faith, & what is
faith, if not the sight?"—

Hymns, it is true, are
poor matters, tho' they
laugh still continues.

We all (sen, come & see
me &, I hope, read more
of me soon.

Yours
Goethe.

George & Fannie
Yarmouth
July 25 —

Elyria —

Yarmouth, July 25, 1864.

My dear Sister Nettie; —

Your letter was received to day — & will ans. it at once. I do not know what Father has written to you, but fr. the tone of your letter I suppose something like what he has said to us fr. time to time. He seems to have an idea that he is failing & that he will not be able to do much perhaps after this year. But we do not notice this. To be sure he cannot walk so far as he could one year ago. & he shows signs of old age & feebleness but those diseases with you

years have troubled him -
have not been as bad this
year as many years past.
The season has been a
very unusually warm +
dry one - so that well
people have been very
languid. + I do not
why this may not
account for father's
weakness also, at least in
part. We cannot hide the
fact that father grows old
+ that his many diseases
gradually wear him away,
but we have noticed nothing
this season to create alarm
Father thought this would
be the last year he should
be able to preach - but I
do not why he may not
expect to preach next

year & year after. He is liable to be taken sick & to die more so than I am perhaps, & yet perhaps not. He is I think a little discouraged about himself because he is not so strong as he was one year ago & cannot walk as far. He has taken cold several times also & would cough more or less for a few weeks & that has discouraged him. We hope however he is no more sickly than we must expect him to be, & I rides no faster than he probably will for year to year. We hope he may be spared to us yet many years. Tho' life with us all is very uncertain.

I am rather coming to

the conclusion that I am not really a strong healthy man. For the most part I can do all my work - but I am tired nearly all the year round - & once in a while give out - & everybody says I am pale & sickly looking - I call myself well & pass for well however most of the time. For a fortnight past I have been quite ill - the effects of hard work & hot weather - But am getting better & stronger now.

I wish you could come & see us very much - we shall not be able to go to Elyria at present - for we find Economy must be our rule in these times - & long journeys we cannot take - Hannie will write some also - Much love to you all, your bro.

George

George
Aug 14 1864

Yarmouth, Aug. 16, 1864.

My dear Sister.

Sammy & I propose to visit you earlier, leaving home sometime about the 5th of Sept. This is altogether a new start for us. I had thought of no such thing as visiting Me. this year. But Father Hall has lately sent us $50 for vacation & any other use we see fit to put it to. & our plan is, that we will add $50 more & we will go to Me. so now can we visited. We have an inclination to return & are looking forward with great pleasure to the journey & the visit, & it will make a very little...

to you what time we
come — Please write &
let us know. We are all
remarkable in health now.
I have not practiced any for
five weeks — have been simply
existing during our hot dry
weather. I shall be obliged
to study some for a month
now before going away —
much love to you all —

Yours &c.

George

Niagara Falls,

Tuesday. 3 o'clock P.M.

My dear Lizzie:

We have accomplished our days work. Have now waiting for the night express. We reached here about 12 this morning, & as I thought most best for Fanny to walk about. We secured the nicest [illegible] - took a carriage & rode about for 3 hours, on the American & on the Canada side - on Canada side we got on waters level & went down under the falls where it was quite enough to please you. We have enjoyed the day very much. & are glad that we have decided here. We think we shall remain here only all the night, & [illegible] we have only a [illegible] of [illegible]

Fr. Luna Park) & a little
white cross made of the bricks
about here.

Last evening before we
started for Cleveland we took
a boat ride about the city & visited the
light house & [illegible] & also
also [illegible] & saw many fine
[illegible] & succeeded in [illegible]
and even [illegible] in [illegible]
about 5 o'clock [illegible]
[illegible] Attleboro [illegible]
for [illegible]

Fr. Joseph

Inverness, Oct. 27, 1864.

Dear Ellie:

Not long since I wrote a few lines in blank verse, specially addressed to it. Time of returning to west, of which I send you a copy, thinking it may interest you.

We are all in quite comfortable health now. Georgie is growing evidently invigorated by his journey. He has gained flesh & strength, & finds himself much better able to study.

I received the R.S. postmarked Troon, Isaac, which corrects the mistake I made in the date of the poem.

I suppose before this reaches you the grand question of the Presidential election will be decided. I presume we are anxiously awaiting the result.

Yarmouth. Oct. 17, 1869

Dear Sister Hattie:-

We reached home last Sat. morning. We left Niagara Falls Tuesday night, but our train was very long & heavy & went slowly & so we were too late for the morning (Early) train for Albany. We waited till half past nine & then started arriving at Boston about 5½ P.M. & looked for Carrie at Worcester, but it was not the train on wh. she would expect me & I saw nothing of her. I had intended to take the Wednesday night Boat for Portland myself, so reaching home Thursday morning, leaving Fanny to come

Saturday. But the Boat
starts at 5 P.M. so not
gone when I arrived in
Boston. We went to Chel-
sea & spent the night. The
next day it rained &
blew & the storm was so
violent that the Boat
did not go out. so back
I went to Chelsea again
Friday was a little less
stormy. Fanny did some
shopping & we started to-
gether on the Boat Friday
night - & breakfasted at
home next morning. Father
& Betsey were very glad to
see us, & one of the pleas-
antest things to me in my
return is the hearty cordial
greeting I get fr. every one
I meet. Father is in usual

health & was sick with his old complaint only for a day or two. money has nearly filled our quota if not quite. & we expect no draft. so I do not expect to go to war this Fall.

everything came nicely in our trunk. we have had a great deal to tell & to hear of course since our arrival & there is much business for me to see to. I wish I could run in a little while now & see you & Annie & all if you. but we must wait a while. I am very grateful that I have been permitted to go this season & that now we are with [illegible] again. Emma will have letter when

me + as I was the
first that ever attempted
to do it in that section of
Scott. Then it was essential
to preach the first sermon
& as I had written first
appropriate, & had to write
next it is for a sermon to make
an old one suitable. The
same week (Conference
also (the 8th in Portland)) I
had four journals to write
two of them the L. M. of the
same day, that I preached
in Portland in A. M. & P. M.
made me on that day (as I
was obliged to be in Portland
in Eve.) over 30 miles travel
besides all my Conver-
sations &c, right hard
hand also, I felt in
duty bound to preach

for "Old Line" - so I devoted myself & labored for my ticket "Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's" on the 6th before election I put forth all my strength of mind & body for the cause - & what a glorious result! Abraham will not leave his seat! but gave him 62 majority here - & two of my good friends, who thought the cause was worth it sent me a barrel of N.O. flour.

And now Thanksgiving is right at hand & my pencil refuses to write or draw - must pour forth on that day, as of yore, blessings on the cornfield, oat field, potatoes - so my dear, it is not yet over -

[illegible] it be like [illegible] ing
[illegible]. Besides [illegible] mentioned [illegible] regular duties
[illegible] I have been doing what I could to get [illegible] ready for winter.

Father is quite well; [illegible] of spending his Thanksgiving at Pembroke. He discouraged a very little on account of the cold season of year. But Father says he is quite strong - much better than when at Amherst - & "Ben," he says "I came for there have to [illegible] radiation — fate is to [illegible]" do you see how well he is. Henrick [illegible] he thinks with, he only want to walk himself.

Where are my 3 pictures of Flowers? Mabel Mr. Dole] give you good ones. We are after a girl now days but Frances will tell you of this perhaps. Love to all the Children — even the youngest. Tho' I do not subscribe to them I am.

Affectionately

[illegible]

Germantown, April 12, 1864.

Dear Children:

I received your great letter, & request treasure, was taken committed to you. Among all the other gifts, which your heavenly Father has bestowed upon you, perhaps none is of greater importance than the gift of life. How pleasing it is to watch the growth of these young immortals, both in body & mind, & see them daily growing to become good members of society, & blessings to their race.

George & Hannah have much pleased us with your childish, but kind & affectionate accounts of your doings. I should

think Tom little Annie is quite a Sage for one so young. Grandma greatly amused at her Sayings & doings, as you have occasionally reported them.

I take, one this, Nellie is quite content, & that I shall soon receive something from her pen. That Journal note which came to me in Mr. Lee's Letter, was very gratefully received.

We are all in usual health now. George preached a very excellent Sermon Thursday, & will return this afternoon. I do not know what I shall do when he is gone. I can not think it

does not flatter me on him to take the lead. Besides, it does not seem to favor it. It was very eloquently delivered. I think I never heard a very better.

The minister at the [Congregational] other South, have it meant to leave, & so high is [illegible] anxious to call & settle on $15,00 salary. This is not because he is a great preacher. But he is a pattern laborer, & has strong & influential friends to [illegible] him, & circumstances are such that he felt as if he must leave this place, as his people had manifested a [illegible] & unmistakable disposition to get rid of him, [illegible], I suppose, because they are [illegible]

of he is logged, & entertaining in his sentiments. Disappointed if he is certainly not very prosperous in this region. He is going to St. Johnsbury, Vt.

When you write, I should like to have you write me how Ellen's health is. I have not learned whether she has received Eliza Chamberlain's

I have lately had a letter from your cousin Frank Patterson, giving me a very pressing invitation to meet him & his brothers, & spend a day with them. If we were well & self-denial not necessary, but I did not like to take such a journey, especially at this season of the year. Had it been summer weather, I could hardly resist the temptation.

Calvin received a letter recently from Northboro. He is afraid Eliza's health is not what it should be. Mrs. Allen has been [illegible] Mrs. Thayer.

Yarmouth, N.S. Jan 1, 1861.

Dear Isaac & Nettie—

We ought to have answered your last letter & meant to have done so. But the delay & matter has passed the duty off till this time.

We were sorry to hear of Nettie's trouble & do hope that now she is quite well again. We hope also you are all in health. For we do not love to think of you as sick or suffering. Writing at this time we can wish you a happy New Year. As we are too late for wishing Christmas. We hope you had one. We had a good Christmas dinner — for a good lady & our friend

Sent us two chickens & about 10 lbs. of beef - dozen 322 We have some among us who remember us.

Mr. Bittinger late pastor of the Central Ch. here has been chosen & gone to St. Albans, Vt. on a salary of $1500.00. Preached his farewell sermon on Christmas day - I shall miss him very much He has been a pleasant companion for one & two years; we have spent many happy hours together.

I do not know what the Church will do - hardly expect another company such as Mr. B. was here - by people purpose visiting us next Monday

Evening- a sort of social time I expect- but do not know what it will turn out to be- will write you of it by & by, after we know- Leave all well. Harry sits writing opposite me at desk while I write- I have been preparing a preparatory lecture this evening for tomorrow afternoon- Am giving lectures on our Articles of Faith- those which the doctrine of the Trinity tomorrow. I will close now & let Harry put on the finishing touches- Yours

Claremont, Sept 1st 1865.

My dear little Kitty,

I write now this post to
remind the Editor (Tennant you telling him
visit in the Strand & also the paper & remind). You ought
to have received from them what you wrote last. I will
write that you have written to remind them
& that I will send a large parcel by the next
opportunity received on Sat £0:5:00 a sum of
which Robert has drawn now waiting on the road.
"Uncle Pleasant" - allowed to enjoy it much since
then we have received £2:4:10 on personal account
present in that envelope, making together, with
£2:5:00. which makes my salary for this year only
equal to £120:10:0.

This should have been enclosed in the same
letter as cheque. But not very much to spend
only (& I am very grateful. I expect to receive)
a little very please next time. Still better prospects
for next - & much reading & writing all the
time to enable myself to make more
calls in store at last.

The two is very well indeed this week
& promised to keep it like by next

[illegible] as well as we could expect to. [illegible] found [illegible] a good girl who takes charge of all the house work - & a good woman who [illegible] child.

We have moved to Tarbolton [illegible] Everything was [illegible] better than we deserved. God has placed a great responsibility on our hands. If the Child lives we shall have done [illegible] for [illegible]. May grace & holiness be [illegible] so that we may all [illegible].

We are all well now. Please write soon - what shall we call this boy? Should have to [illegible] all but them, are now in usual health.

Yours &c.

George.

Yarmouth, March 20. 1864.

Dear Sister Nellie.

We had a flying visit fr. Chas. on his way home. I do not know whether we spoke of it in our last letter or not. He came in the morning & left at noon. Was better than none but we should love to have more of my much. It seemed good to see one who had so lately come fr. your own house. He had not heard the news & was surprised & pleased to hear of the little one.

We have concluded to call him "George Herbert"; Fanny wanted to name him for me. I hesitated for a good while for I do not love to have so many of the same name (in the family, should prefer something new. So when a name is called we may know who is meant - but I came settled with a true satisfaction on the name & have announced. Geo. Herbert. or as he used to be called "Baby Geo. Herbert," was a good name & a beautiful part

I have long loved the name so associated with those beautiful sacred hymns. he would would the little one might live & come to be as good as "holy Dr. Everett!"

I have not much to write to night - but write because I feel like it. Fanny is gaining strength daily. After nurse leaves to-morrow, when she will have more care.

From time to time I get substantial tokens of the love my people bear me. Since the visit, at it's end, they gave me over $20.00, & have received several additions to what was then given by those who were not there present. This afternoon I called on a family who are rather poor I suppose, & as I started to come away the lady came towards me & putting a purse she held in her hand she handed me it's contents saying "I was not able to attend your visit, Mr. Putnam but I have something to give you; 'tis in a good many pieces. there is not so much as there was, I fear." I took it & found here "there was $5.00 of it. I felt sad as I counted it for I could not but feel that it would do them more good than it will me. I do not think they are able to do as generously. But may prayer is that the gift may profit them - & that I may be enabled to minister the better to them - in spiritual things. So many of these substantial gifts, after I have been there & gone - are signs of real attachment, etc. I hope I appreciate. We all send love - Yrs. George -

Yarmouth, Mar. 28, 1865

Dear sister Nettie,

I begin to appreciate a baby's power both to bless and hinder the household the earlier especially. What I am ... is of a cheerful, confiding ... him. Just now I am experiencing ... in a nice new swinging cradle George bought yesterday. It is a fresh pleasure every time or two ... I have had swinging our dear little ... and I am glad ... is very easy ... Ella & George ... the little ... and he says his name ... Ella & he are good ... and who was called ... George ... he was ... his namesake. She is always good ... swings now ...

is quite good at nights but needs no
dancing done to get it to sleep
his little wants all day. He is very
active and strong - every one notices
the ease with which he lifts and
carries his head. - doesn't look like
any one now that - I can see who his
eyes are like his father and his
hair like mine. Of course he is the
centre of care and attention in our
circle. And I am so used to it - even in
these few weeks that - I wonder how
we lived without him. Our nurse
went away a week ago. I felt the
loss very much at first, for I have
never had anything to do with babies
but now I have less anxiety - ex-
cept that - crying bits will come in
and need patience will put - there
is plenty of it which I never
do think of at first. I haven't been
out yet - except on the plank walk

tho' I feel very well, minus a little of my old strength - have been as comfortable and successful all through as I could wish. was better & danced at ball. Love I should love to visit Byron nurseries, see the baby and Julian with his little Chinese and Japan. Hope Annan will be better soon. It is so hard for children to be sick.

Father & George are well as usual now, the latter has returned - to Yale in Yale. The leaving headache, and he has had a real sweet Spring, came as quickly to us as to you. Our roads are drying up but it will be a long time before grass & flowers flourish. Don't know how the baby will affect my out-door work, as it will end in two or three days out-doings for her head to my room

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leaving Needs + Flowers to take care
of themselves.

We hope you are all well by
this time, that Mr. Nutt is
dreaming. Please give love to
pr. folks of us, also to Dr. Litchfield
family, and Mrs. Williams. Love
to Lizzie, with the children & mine
yourself. We are glad to
your letters please write them
often & hear the difficulties
with the new settlement
over &c.

Yours affly.

Frances.

Hatfield,
Yarmouth Co.
June 1, 1865

Yarmouth, June 1. 1865.

Dear Nettie:

Yours of May 3. was received, & I was very glad to hear from you, & learn that you were all in so good health. — Not long since I received a book, entitled, — "Looking towards Sunset." — by L. Maria Child. It is a very entertaining book of 425 pages, & contains much interesting matter. I am very much obliged for the present, & will endeavour to make some improvement. I regretted a little that Mrs. Child did not feel at liberty to look into a few more of the mysteries of Spiritualism; but I suppose she hardly knew how to write on new & startling subjects

entirely to Innocent – it's Looking out.

"Looking towards Sunset" – certainly that is the view I am now looking. Long ago I passed life's meridian, & now the long shadows of the setting sun are very distinctly visible, becoming more & more elongated, as time rolls on & the night of death draws near. May I be prepared to enter the dark valley before me, leaving no evil, bearing the rod & staff of Jesus for my support. May this darkness be pervaded by a benignant & luminous day, which shall not need the light of the sun to enlighten it, a day of which it may be said the Lamb is the light thereof.

My health is now quite comfortable, & our family are all well. The little one is very sprightly, & is making constant improvement, it is quite a source of pleasure to us. What is Lou Hale's name?

If you have ever told us, I have forgotten; but I think no name has been announced.

You speak of Bruce being elected Justice of the Peace, & Hickey attorney & to have an office at Marlborough town. Allow me to ask, does this give him the title of Judge? I ask because we have had a difference of opinion about it here, some of us thinking it does, & some that it does not. Is he now called Judge Mitchell or only Squire Mitchell? Please answer in your next. I could fill this sheet, but have to attend the exercises of the Institute at 2 o'clock, & have not time to do it, & shall today. Must close. Love to Jane & the children. Kiss them all.

For Thee.

Yarmouth. July 10 1865.

My dear Sister Nettie:—

Of course I think of you a hundred time before I write, & wish every time I could see you. Fanny is gone to Bangor & Bedham: has been away just two weeks today. Of course we miss her & little Georgie very much. Abby, our girl, is first rate & we get on perfectly well. We have a great treasure in our girl. Last Spring she became a Christian & since then there has been a very great change in her. She is a new creature. She is very faithful & pleasant. We hope to keep her a long time for she is capable of going on alone & doing all that needs to be done.

I sent you a paper a short time ago containing a notice of my Speech at the State conference. Tis quite flattering - but one of my people who was there - said "Tis no better than we frequently get at home". Dr. Massie who followed me, paid me a high compliment as he referred to the "gentlemen who preceded" him.

He also, as I heard, spoke of it in praise to the lady with whom he took dinner on that day. I tried to do well, & my effort was received with far greater favor than I had anticipated. I am very grateful & if I ever speak again I only hope I shall do better.

I expect to leave home two weeks from today going to Bangor & Bedhams, being at Bangor when the class graduates. We are hoping soon to have some pictures of little Georgie. & when we do we will send you one.

I wonder how you are getting along there days. What a pleasure it would be if we lived where we could run in & see each other once a month! But I do not expect that. Father is in usual health & expects to go to Pembroke two weeks from today to visit Uncle Rufus.

How fast we are making history, & glad the government are beginning to deal justly. Hope the Chh. will now conquer the South & plant puritan institutions all over it.

Much love to you all. Mrs. Metcalf & Dr. Dewitt's family & your ministers also.

Your bro. George

George Putnam
July 10, 1865
Lawrence Mass
Elysian

Dedham Aug 9th/65.

Dear Nettie

It is a long, long time since I have written you and if you had received a letter every time I wanted to write you would have had plenty. I have felt pretty tired all the Summer well enough but not strong & can see very little accomplished in all these months but baby tending. That has been satisfactory however for Georgie is as healthy & bright as any baby could be expected to be. His teeth trouble him some & I have for two or three months or more had but not so a

make him sick at all. He has always been sickly & needed a great deal of care, but is very good & plays well. How we should enjoy spending a few weeks with you but will hope for a interval of the privilege that way. Am glad May is better & hope she will have no more trouble with her eyes. Tell her she must insist on her rights for a year or two yet. I don't know why it was delayed as it was paid for before the first of January. We should be glad to see all the children. I don't know Anna is more of a darling than ever. If children only would grow good as fast as they grow older what a blessing it would be. Wilder & Charlie are running growing boys now but how soon down will they change to earnest

thinking man. I do not like to look forward to a life as I used to. I am happy & satisfied now & cannot bear to think of the possible, yes, probable & almost certain change & suffering that awaits me sometime. God only can make me willing.

George is away this week at the Theological Seminary. I hope it will give him strength & stability for his work in future. By the time we come again he will probably feel like himself again. I wish he would not work so hard, but he will not be satisfied with anything short of doing his best in everything which is not consistent with holiness. Pray much for us in cultivating that spirit in him is desirable. If I only could

give him a card or two or [illegible]
[illegible]! I am very sure that if
I had all the time I have wasted
in the past in a hurry to use
now, I should feel really rich.
But I don't seem to have time for
anything now.

Georgie is awake & [illegible]
is sick with a headache so I
must see about dinner. What
ever do women have to do all
[illegible]

Yours affectionately

Fannie.

Lynnwood, Sept. 5, 1865

Dear Nellie.

I received your letter
[illegible] and was glad to hear
from you. I regret to hear
that you [illegible] with
[illegible] and
[illegible], and I sincerely hope
[illegible]. My mother,
with Aunt Margaret, Jessie
[illegible] the
[illegible] Stillman
[illegible]
[illegible] Aunt Margaret
[illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible] started for Nevada, a distance of six thousand miles. He has a fine opportunity to [illegible] business there as an Assayer of metals. Austin will be their home of residence. I supposed when Annie got married, our correspondence would certainly cease. But no, she says she shall write me as soon as they get settled down, & earnestly wishes a continuance of our correspondence. She is one of the noblest of the Lord's, & I hope the best of heaven's blessings will attend her.

A few days since, I received a letter from my niece Annie Brigham, who persuaded me to write her. It is hard to tell any of the nieces, that I cannot write them any more. But if I am not [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Yarmouth. Sept. 17, 63

My dear Sister-

I began to write
you last week, & could stay at
home & for a reason neglect.
it has been little else but
interruption from then since
June. very soon after the
County & State Conferences
were over I took my vaca-
tion; & when I came home
I found a great many things
needing my attention as
usual at such time. In
addition to all my regular
work - which before last I
had a council to attend
& charge to Pastor to give
a sermon & a mediation to
attend - and last week

I went to Dunbarton
to attend the centennial
celebration - making an
speech of 15 to 20 minutes
long on the educational
influences & Religious
institutions, & the Character
of the times. This journey
consumed four days of
that week - left me five
days with, to prepare for
my pulpit. I have now
come out into a clear week
(so far as I now can see) &
feel that my duty is mine.
I shall soon settle down & I
come to a student's life.

My visit to D. was very
pleasant. I stopped at
John Kimball's. Sen Parkins
daughters were all at home.
Saw also E. D. Jameson. Hon.

Burnham said Kimball, David McCurdy, Dr. Sleeper's daughters, Lizzie & Frankie - Ireland's &c &c - This meeting of old friends was very pleasant - Old Capt Whipple was on the stage & looked about as usual Capt Kimball's drama old, & does not improve - Stage was last side of old town house. Manchester Cornet band were there - They took the seats out of the town house - all except the wall seats & set 3 long tables there; food in abundance & yet there were 1500 people there I should think.

It was a great day for Dunbarton. Many spoke of you & wished you could have been there.

How much I would

have enjoyed it. Walter did not feel strong enough to go. I went alone. I staid a way for a little time long enough to hand by the side of Mrs. Perry's grave. The old homestead looks natural outside. I did not go in.

Capt Charles Stinson was Marshal & Wm. Parker Prest of the day. All Capt C. Stinson's daughters were there. tho I did not see Jane.

We are all well as usual now. Baby grows finely.

We send much love to you all. I had as very happy visit at Bangor with Elias's family.

Your bro.

Lewis

Yarmouth, Jan. 11, 1875.

My dear sister

Fanny says "we must write to Nettie," & I suppose we must. I do not know when I last wrote, nor what has happened since that event. My work is the same over & over again - think - think - scratch - scratch - (with a pen I mean) now attend a Council, now a Conference, now an association, & then home again & find that sermons & calls are falling behind & must overtake to be done again with my business. Next Feb. is the sixth anniversary of my first appearance in this pulpit as a Pastor. I have written a sermon with that fact in view. Jn. Jude, 3. "Earnestly contend for the faith once delivered to Saints." I have read the sermon over to Father - He says "it is a very perfect sermon." Wish you could be here to hear it & Fr.

My prospect for nine years to come is as good as ever I suppose - Perhaps I shall spend my life here. Father is now well as usual having recovered fr. a cold with wh. he was confined - poor Dad is growing very old.

that the Child should go in such a manner.

Yarmouth Dec. 25. 1865

My dear Bro. & Sister.

Considering the date of my letter it is most proper perhaps that I should first of all say "I wish you a Merry Christmas." By "you" of course I mean you all, tree & branches. This is a very beautiful Christmas day: it rained yesterday & so this morning every thing was crystal & frost looking like Santa Claus's beard, & would remind one of Christmas if it were not Dec. 25. We suppose it is a great day for your little folks. getting & giving. We do not make much of it on Georgie's account for he does not yet understand it. If he is spared to us another year we shall especially remember him.

Our Parish are doing nothing by way of tree but there are several family trees about.

I should think fr. your last letter that you are quite a busy body. Well this is the fate of most of us. & for my part I am glad

I have a thing or two to employ my mind.
I suppose we are all the happier for it.
Orland. Me. is about 10 miles fr. Dedham
so Leo. Marden is not very near us. We
wish he could be.
Our girl has gone to Freeport to
Christmas & Fanny is now attending
to the Chicken pie & Joe & George is are
entertaining each other while I write.

Dear Nettie

I can only devote a few lines
to you as I am
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

Fanny W. P.
Jan. 29 1866

Dartmouth Nov. 4th 1866

My dear Sister Hattie

Your letter announcing ... death was truly received. You must miss her very much at this great change in children to have their parents with them, & a great affliction when they are taken away — Father H. had a blessing to visit Ann's family. He can only thank God for all done to her best.

I hope you will try to come on next Wednesday — & make us a visit. Father's health is very much as usual. yet he is weak & gradually grows weaker. He has lately had a painful accident with bleeding piles. discharges of fresh blood. & is difficult to check them. He says 'tis due to his chronic troubles. These discharges have not been to weaken him

outgoing little, owing, says the Dr., to the fact that the flooding is local (principally in the rectum). But all the corresponding vessels will grow out by & by yet when the accumulated blood standing in the rectum & the natural tendency to progress the menstrual flow ceases — as in the case of other days. Then it passes out & the menses will cease & hereafter

Geo. Cheever.

George, N.D.
Jan. 24 1868

George & Fanny
March 5-1866

Jarmouth March 5 1866.

Dear Sister Nellie;

Mother & I have
each been favored with a good
letter from you lately & rather also
one from Isaac. We are very glad
to hear of the revival among
you; we shall wish to hear
more & out if it progress.
so. Would we could report some-
thing of the kind here, but we
cannot. My congregation is
as ... & ... & ...
is all the external prosperity
I could desire. My people are
still & attentive but conversions
are rare. & indeed there seems
to be no special activity in
the Ch. I do not feel as I
ought to myself. I am daily

wonder that we have no revival
in all the Ch. feel as I do.
Can't do much for it for
myself & you & the people
in Portland are dear &
increased interest. Some
conversions. I hope the blessing
is to be long & so earnestly sought-
a wide spread & powerful
revival & work of grace all
over our land - is beginning
to be realized. & may warmth
not be left out.
We were especially glad to hear
Brother's change. May he have joy
with all his heart. & strength
as long as he lives. Christ has work
for him to do.
We are very glad you talk of
visiting us & hope nothing will
occur to prevent. As to the
time. We think June will

be a pleasant month for you to be here. The Bible Conference meets at Bath - as near us you could go very conveniently if you wished & perhaps it would be pleasant for you. We can tell nothing about being away - & indeed we care nothing about it whenever it will be most convenient for you to come we can be at home - but June we think on several accounts may be pleasant to you, tho. two or three months later may be equally so. I will leave Fanny to write about that I guess - I have had a cold for a week past was hoarse yesterday & shall not preached for me all day, did not go out. I am getting better & hope to be strong for next Sabbath's duties. Yours &c. George -

[illegible] ministry & people, ...
is. I think, an increasing mutual attachment. But we want the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, that the gathering of souls, & the conversion of sinners.

[illegible] ...
[illegible] ... letter from Brainerd, ...
spoke of in it [illegible] ...
Coal Mine. Do you anticipate better success in the future? You ... I would like very much to know a great deal more about your missionary plans — both like to learn sometime [illegible] ... Thanks for Knox, and kind of serious questions.

Love to very much & wish the best of [illegible] ...

from you, Nettie, very soon. I hope nothing will prevent your coming. I do not know how I could endure so great a disappointment as would be a failure. Will you please to communicate, as soon as possible, what time we may expect you? There would be a convenience in knowing, as I am planning to be absent awhile, & of course, should not be willing to be absent any portion of the time You are here.

I suppose you have not heard of the death of your cousin Marie Holmes, at Cambridge, Ms. She died a few weeks ago, after a short sickness of only a few days. She was a very lovely woman, & without doubt has gone to a happier world. But it is a terrible

affliction to her husband, who has now neither father or mother, wife or child. She has had three children, & buried them all. He will now break up housekeeping & have no home. I deeply sympathise with him, & pray that he may be sustained in his lonely, desolate condition.

It afforded me very great pleasure to learn that Wilder is indulging hope that he has become a disciple of Christ. Give him my many thanks for his very interesting letters, & tell him my earnest prayer is, that he will persevere in the ways of holiness, & be a rich blessing to the world. I would write him, but I find it more & more of a task to write, & shall feel obliged to write less than I have been accustomed to in times past.

We are all in about our usual health, & all send love to you all.

Affectionately,

Father.

George A. P.
May 25 1866

Yarmouth, May 25.

My dear Sister Hattie,

I have
but a moment now to write,
but I wish a letter to go by
the next mail. A letter
ought to have been sent
before but I have been
for home two weeks &
the others have neglected
it. We hope nothing will
occur to prevent your
visit East. Indeed I
hope you are now on
the way. I have been to
Dunbarton a week & they
all want to see you. Sarah
Fellman came home
with me & is here now.
At Uncle Rufus' I saw
Carrie who was at home

just at that time.

We all send love

& hope you will soon

come,

your bro. Lyons